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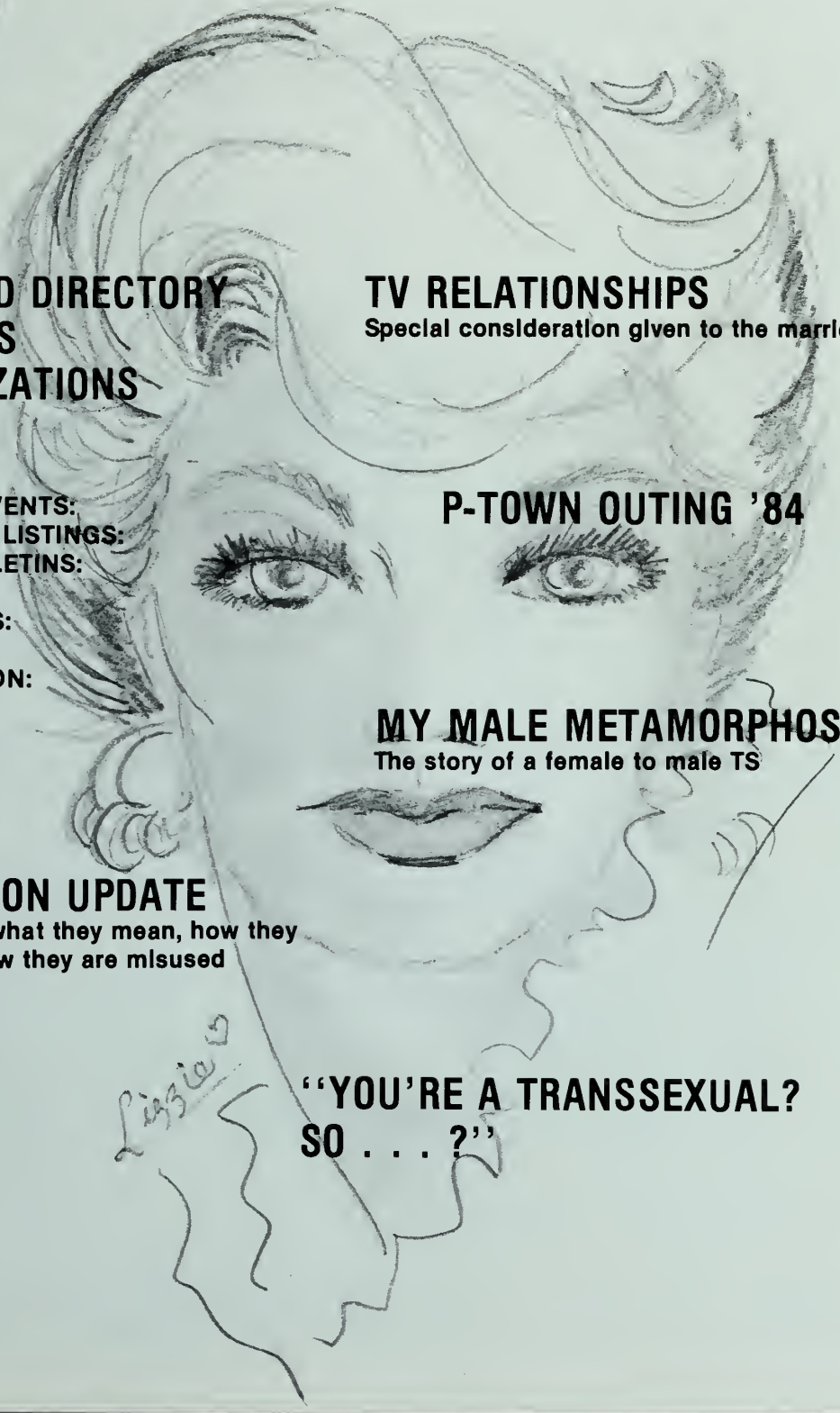

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We ('we' meaning the Tapestry, other TV-TS publications, and TV-TS organizations both non-profit and commercial) are in business to serve our people. 'Our people' include members of the TV-TS Community ('our' Community) and their families and friends. They include the commercial and professional people who serve our Community and those persons who by way of circumstance are affected by our Community. No one person, no one magazine or organization or commercial or professional project can, or should try to do the job alone.

The 'over-all scheme of things' refers to every aspect of the TV-TS Community, family, friends, helping professionals, etc. (the 'paraculture'). Every TV/TS organization (Tiffany Club, GGA, Tri-Ess, etc.), every TV/TS project (the Tapestry, NACD Inc., Fantasia Fair, etc.), and every non-profit and commercial and professional service serving the TV Community (Outreach Institute, FACT, Confide, etc.) has an important niche in the over-all scheme of things.

What is most important is that every individual person in a responsible leadership position first acknowledge that in order for each of us to better serve our respective constituencies, we must all work together. Second, we must recognize our respective organizations' and projects' niche in the over-all scheme of things.

The Tapestry's niche is to to help the various leaders and organizations do a better job serving their respective constituencies. It exists to provide accurate and up-to-date information, education, communications, entertainment, and social opportunities to anyone who wants and needs it. The Tapestry exists to help people.

In order for the Tapestry to be the most effective publication possible we must have accurate and up-to-date information, and interesting, educational, and entertaining material. Although much of our magazine's information and material come from individual contributors, the primary source is the publications of other organizations. These individuals are not only an asset to the Tapestry, they are an asset to their respective organizations, and to all.

INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION CENTERS

The organizations and individuals serving as information distribution centers are responsible for being familiar with the various services and organizations available in their given area. This information is to be distributed in accordance with the needs of the inquirer and not the private orientation of the organization or individual. (**** Please note that not all organizations listed in the Service or Social listings are willing or able to serve as general information distribution centers.)

NORTHEAST

TIFFANY CLUB: Information distribution throughout the New England area. Tiffany Club, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 617-358-5575

THE OUTREACH INSTITUTE Information distribution throughout New England. The Outreach Institute, Kenmore Sta. Box 368, Boston MA 02215 617-277-3454

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB Information distribution for New England, specializing in transsexualism. The XX Club, Box 6070 Station 'A', Hartford CT 06106

THE BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE Information distribution for the New York City Area. B.L.I., c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

MS CHERYL A. MCBRIDE Information distribution for upper New York. Ms Cheryl McBride, Box 6047, Albany NY 12206

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MID-ATLANTIC, SOUTH

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MID-WEST, SOUTH CENTRAL

PARADISE CLUB Information distribution for Upper Mid-West (Western New York to Illinois) Paradise Club, Box 17032, Cleveland, OH 44117

CROSSROADS CHAPTER Information distribution Michigan/Ohio area. Crossroads Chapter, Box 1298, Flint MI 48501

MS SHARON RENEE HART Information distribution for Chicago area. Sharon Renee Hart, Box 2312, Chicago IL 60690 312-472-4518

NAOMI O. Information distribution for Upper Midwest. Naomi O., Box 34 Rm 1222, 17 N State St., Chicago IL 60602

GENDER SERVICES OF CHICAGO Information distribution for Upper Midwest Mr John Prowett, 3208 North Sheffield #301, Chicago, IL 60657 (312) 549-6800 Ext 301

MS MALINDA ANDERSON Information distribution for Wisconsin/Minnisota area. c/o R. Peterson, Box 524, Lake Mills WI 53551

MS MAXINE MCDONALD Information distribution for Dallas/Fort Worth area. Maxine McDonald, Box 31171, Dallas TX 75231

MS DOROTHY LYNNE HORN Information distribution for South Texas area. Dorothy Lynne Horne, Box 996, Jourdanton TX 78026

SOUTHWEST, NORTHWEST

RENAISSANCE GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES Information distribution for Southern California area. Renaissance, Box 11341, Santa Ana, CA 92711 714-836-1803

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE Information distribution for Northern California area. GGA, Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 408-678-0609

NORTHWEST CHAPTER Information distribution for Oregon/Washington area. Northwest Chapter, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213

CANADA

FEDERATION OF AMERICAN AND CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS (FACT) Information distribution throughout Canada. FACT, Box 291 Sta. 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884

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THE SEAHORSE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA Information distribution for Australia. The Seahorse Club of Australia, Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney 2000, Australia

TRANS-CCL Information distribution throughout Europe. Rev. Joseph Douce, Centre du christ Liberateur, Minoites Sexuelles, TRANS-CCL, 3 bis, rue Clairaut, 75017 Paris, France (1) 627-4936

ORGANIZATIONS

SERVICE

NORTHEAST

THE HUMAN OUTREACH AND ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE Box 368 Kenmore Station, Boston MA 02215

Nature: The Outreach Institute is a non-profit corporation whose purposes and objectives are educational. Outreach works predominantly with Helping Professionals from the fields of Education, Guidance & Counseling, Therapy, Medicine, Law & Law Enforcement, Nursing and Human Services.

Services: Outreach's programs include OPERN (Outreach Professional Evaluation and Referral Network). seminars & workshops, a newsletter, Fantasia Fair (a living/learning growth experience for crossdressers, transsexuals and androgynes both male and female), and a book and publication service. (Outreach's catalog of books and reprints is available for $3.00).

Security: Outreach's programs are strictly non--n-sexual and sophisticated. All participants at any Outreach program are expected to act accordingly.

GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES 136 Causeway St., Hudson MA 01749 (617)568-0680

Nature: 'Gender Identity Services' is a gender identity clinic serving the crossdressing/transsexual/sndrogyne population of New England and the Northeast.

Services: The Clinic offers evaluation, group and individual counseling and therapy, and therapy for family and friends. The Clinic uses a new course of therapy - ONTOSYNTHESIS - through which all client/patients can determine beyond all doubt the truth about their gender and sexuality ;and come to s deep and lasting inner peace with their masculine and feminine principles and their ways of being.

Security: Total discretion, anonymity and protection prevails in all circumstances.

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE U.S. (SIECUS) SIECUS, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011

SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and Arts Professions of New York University. SIECUS deals with all sexually related issues, including gender expression.

CONFIDE - PERSONAL COUNSELING SERVICES INC. Box 56,Tappan NY 10983, 914-359-8860 or 914-997-1013, offices in Tappan NY snd Hartsdale NY

Nature: Confide runs a therapy group in Tappan, comprising transsexuals, transvestites and persons who are trying to find themselves on the gender spectrum.

Services: Confide is a private service offeriang counseling, therapy, hypnosis and hypnotherapy, with a large proportion of our practice dealing with gender proablems. Private therapy sessions are held witha Garrett Oppenheim PhD FIC, thedirector, while Fae Robin, the co-director, offers coaching in grooming, manners, poise, makeup, shopping, etc. Dr. Oppenheim evaluates candidates for hormone therapy and sex reassignment surgery and makes referrals at the appropriate time.

Security: Membership in the group is contingent on a 1 1/2 hour screening session with Dr. Oppenheim.

SOUTH

GALVESTON PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES 2126 1/2 The strand, Galveston, TX 77550 (713) 763-4522 Dr. Collier M. Cole

Services: Full range of psychotheraputic and medical services are provide, including hormone therapy and surgery. Counseling and/or referrals around legal issues, speech therapy and cosmetic concerns is also available.

MID-WEST, INTER-MOUNTAIN

GENDER SERVICES OF CHICAGO Mr. John Prowett, 3208 North Sheffield #301, Chicago, IL 60657 (312) 549-6800 Ext 301

Nature: Gender Services is a non-sexual social & service group for any and all trans-person (TV/TS/-Drag/FI). Although we are a local group we work as a reference agency nationally.

Services: We provide para-counseling, referrals for attorneys, hormone doctors, psychologists, and psychiatrists, and for social contacts. Our newsletter 'Swan' is a publication of both the Windy City Chapter of GGA, and G.S.C.. We also have a Prison Support Group for trans-persons and their friends.

Security: There are no particular security requirements, however, files are kept under lock and key.

GENDER IDENTITY COMMITTEE University of Minnesota Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry, 412 Union Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455 Sharon satterfield, M.D.

Services: Details not available at this time.

GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC. 3715 32nd Ave, Denver, CO. 80211 (303) 458-5378

Nature: G.I.C. is a non-profit, tax exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Services: G.I.C. provides information and education on the issues of cross-dressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community including medical, legal, insurance, personal grooming, male and female appearance and behaviors, etc. G.I.C. also provides a Speaker's Bureau, and a 24 hour Hot-Line.

COMMIT P.O. Box 61316, Denver, CO. 80206 (303) 297-9585

Nature: Commit is a comunity-based, service--focused organization made up exclusively of transgendered persons.

Services: Commit provides current literature concerning dender dysphoria, transsexualism, transvestism, etc. Commit also provides a sanctuary where one may explore his/her transgenderism without fear, non-professional and peer counseling, and information on medical, physchological and other professional services. Commit also provides a 24 hour hot-line.

GENDER IDENTITY COMMITTEE Department of Psychiatry, University of Utah, College of Medicine, 50 North Medical Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84132 (801) 581-7951 Dr. Nyla J. Cole, MD

Services: Details not available at this time.

SOUTH-WEST, WEST

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION TRANSSEXUAL RIGHTS COMMITTEE (ACLU-TRC) ACLU-TRC, 31815 Camino Capistrano, Suite L, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 (714)661-7332

Nature: Founded in May, 1980. Actively working to firmly establish your civil and human rights as a citizen.

RENAISSANCE GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES Box 11341, Santa Ana CA 92711 714-836-1803

Nature: Renaissance is a referral, information, educational and support service for crossdressers, transsexual persons, and other lifestyle groups.

Services: 'Renaissance Update' (a quarterly newsletter), research library, educational services, lecture bureau, professional and peer counseling services, and a hotline and referral service with local and nationwide referrals.

Security: Membership is open to all sincere, interested persons.

ERICKSON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION P.O. Box 532, Ojai, CA 93023

EEF is primarily an information resource, and publishes the 'EEF Newsletter'. Additional information is not available at this time.

JANUS INFORMATION FACILITY 1952 Union St., San Francisco, CA 94088

JANUS provides a general basic information package in printed form for the transsexual. A $25.00 donation is requested.

TS COUNSELING, 1550 California St., Suite 6201, San Francisco, CA 94109 (415) 387-6767 Alise Martinez, R.N., B.A. Director

Nature: TS Counseling is an organization operated by post-op transsexuals, who, as members of the health care profession offer peer counseling to end-stage, pre-op transsexuals - i.e., those persons approaching conversion surgery - and post-op transsexuals who may be having difficulty adjusting to their post-op situation.

Services: Peer counseling for TSs. Educational services to the public in general. Research into the field of transsexualism. Referrals to medical and psychiatric personnel.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION (HBIGDA), 900 Welch Road #402, Stanford, CA 94304

Detailed information is not available at this time.

THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH, P.O. Box 908, Berkeley, CA 94701 (415) 548-8283 Allanya Guenther, Executive Director

Nature: The Pacific Center is a private, non-profit agency funded by United Way, county revenue sharing funds, sliding scale fees, and contributions. The Center is dedicated to providing high-quality services to sexual minority people of all races, ages, and backgrounds.

Services: Educational services and outreach into the community at large. Speaker's Bureau. Counseling. Group meetings. Hot line (415) 841-6224.

U.S. TV-TS CONTACT SERVICE Ina Rubin and Phil Salem, US TV-TS Contact Service, 1017 B. East Pike St., Seattle, WA 98122 (206)624-8266

Nature: What we are about is introducing people for social/sexual interactions.

Services: Dating service, 24-hour hotline (206)-624-8266.

SEATTLE COUNSELLING SERVICE FOR SEXUAL MINORITIES 1505 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122 (206) 329-8707

Services: Counseling service, special group for TVs and TSs.

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER 2139 Kuhio Ave, Honolulu, HI 96813 (808) 926-1000

Services: Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs.

CANADA

QUEBEC TRANSSEXUALS AID, INC. (A.T.Q. INC.): Viviane Audrey, 5280 5e Ave Est, Suite 2, Charlesbourg, Quebec, Canada G1H 3R6

Nature: French speaking transsexual support.

Services: Meetings, medical referrals, etc.

METAMORPHOSIS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION Box 5963, Station 'A', Toronto, Ontario Canada M5W-1P4

Nature: Metamorphosis serves the Female to Male transsexual (gender dysphoric male).

Services: To provide research and information relevant to the 1F-M TS, to raise funds for research, to counsel the F-M TS, to educate the professional, para-professional and lay public on gender and sexual dysphoria, to provide peer support, and work cooperatively with other clinics and support groups.

FEDERATION OF AMERICAN AND CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS (FACT) Box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884

Nature: FACT is a non-profit support organization for transsexuals, relatives and friends of transsexuals, professionals and para-professionals working in th field of gender dysphoria and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation.

Services: Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Publishes 'Gender Review', a periodical news sheet. Offers peer support and peer counselling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representataives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to the mass media and others. FACT Toronto meets each month on the evening of the second Friday at 519 Church St. Community Centre. Visitors welcome. Enquire to head office for other meetings. Chapters include:

South Central Ontario, c/o Miss Robin Marie Schwartzentruber, P.O. Box 1842, Station 'C', Kitchener, Ontario, N3G-4R3 576-5248

Eastern Ontario, c/o Miss Nicole Boivin, P.O. Box 523, Gatineau, Quebec, J8P-7A1

Niagra, c/o Miss Susan Huxford, P.O. Box 291 Station 'A', Hamilton, Ontario, L8N-3C8 529-7884

Security: No screening for members or subscribers to 'Gender Review'. Meetings of FACT Toronto meets each month on the evening of the second Friday at the '519 Community Centre'. Local groups establish their own security procedures, e.g. FACT Niagra meetings are by invitation only.

GENDERSERVE Box 291, Station 'A', Hamilton Ontario Canada L8N-3C8 416-529-7884

Nature: Counselling education and research services, registered in Ontario as a proprietorship and operating as a non-profit organization serving TSs TVs and gender dysphoric people in general, homosexuals, wives, friends and relatives. Services for a nominal fee (to cover expenses). Enquiries by mail or phone. No

collect calls. The proprietor has screened a number of professional organizations in the USA.

Services: Counselling in sexual matters for individuals and couples. Pastoral counselling is requested. Referrals. Initial counselling session (mail or telephone) free of charge. Lectures, radio/TV and other mass media interviews by arrangement. Group counselling and therapy by request. Publishes booklets and papers of a professional counselling nature (reviewed in SIECUS Report). Public education by articles, etc. for press release. Role-playing and simulation exercises.

Security: At present screening is required for initial personal counselling, as this is done at home and not in an office. An introduction from a known trustworthy source is required or a personal encounter in a public place (usually a public library). GENDERSERVE is selective in the publications with which it relates.

FOREIGN

TRANS-CCL Rev. Joseph Douce, Centre du Christ Liberateur, Minorites Sexuelles, TRAS-CCL, 3 Bis, rue Clairaut, 75017 Paris - France Tel.(1) 226.70.48 (Rev. Douce speaks English)

Nature: TRANS-CCL is a non-profit social organization for sexual minorities, non-political, with Christian foundation, but also open to people with other convictions. We have a large section for transsexuals and transvestite, probably the largest one in Europe (about 500 contacts). We can provide legal, medical, psychological, pastoral and surgical helf for transsexuals. We organize meetings, meals, etc... We have a large documentation on transsexuality. We can also provide all information available in Europe.

Services: A telephone help-line Mondays from 8p.m. to 10p.m. at (1) 627-4936. Meetings. Meals. Legal, medical, psychological and pastoral literature, and advisors.

SOCIAL

NEW ENGLAND

TIFFANY CLUB Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 617-358-5575

Nature: The Tiffany Club is a non-profit non-sexual social/educational organization for persons interested in crossdressing, for transsexual persons, and for relatives and friends. Tiffany has an international membership in excess of 400, welcomes all mature and responsible persons, and emphasizes friendship, support, good manners, common sense, and the security and peace-of-mind of all. Tiffany also works cooperatively with and in support of all non-profit organizations and services working on behalf of the TV/TS Community.

Services: The Tiffany Club publishes the TV/TS Tapestry. (The Tapestry is a magazine designed to be the communications link between the non-profit organizations, services, and information distribution centers serving the TV/TS Community. It contains articles, referrals, club reports, coming events and personal listings.) Tiffany also maintains a private facility near Boston (providing privacy, storage, a library, boutique, overnight accomodations and a hostelry for qualified travelers), and a balanced program of social and educational activities (casual get-togethers, parties, beauty courses, nights on the town, vacations, etc.) Tiffany also maintains a support group for transsexuals, a support group for wives, and provides a hotline for information distribution, and referrals.

Security: Tiffany places no security precautions on people who wish to subscribe to the 'Tapestry'. However, if a person wishes to use Tiffany's facilities or attend a Tiffany function, that person must have met with and been cleared by a member of Tiffany's Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure that the attendee understands Tiffany's objectives and will comply with Tiffany's security requirements and code of conduct.

HALCYON SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND Box 143, North Kingston, RI 02852

Nature: Halcyon is a friendship and support group for persons from the Rhode Island area interested in 'tasteful' crossdressing. Although affiliated with Tiffany Club, we are basically a 'neighborhood' group and work accordingly.

Services: Halcyon provides informal get-togethers twice a month allowing people a chance to meet with friends who understand the needs of people inclined to crossdress. Periodic newsletter, membership rumpus room and whatever activities planned by the membership at large.

Security: Only written inquiries are accepted. Once received and evaluated a standard information package is sent out along with an arranged meeting with someone already in membership. If the person making the inquiry appears to fit our standards, he/she is invited to attend a Society function. If the person's actions and deeds are consistent, the person is invited by the entire membership to join our ranks. Common sense prevails.

MAYFLOWER SOCIETY Box 66, Allston MA 02134

Nature: Mayflower is a membership organization open to TVs, friends and relatives. The approximately 20 members consist of some who are heterosexual, bisexual, some submissive, B&D, etc. Care is taken that broader interests are not imposed on those who do not wish to participate. Supportive environment emphasizing respect for the individual and security for all.

Services: Mayflower maintains an apartment with a library, private mail boxes, storage, casual get--togethers once a week, and parties once a month.

Security: A candidate for membership must meet with Kay Campbell or Neil Moses prior to joining. Write: Neil Moses, Secretary Mayflower Society, Box 66, Allston MA 02134

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB Box 6070 Station 'A', Hartford CT 06106 (information: George W. Henry Foundation 203-522-2646)

Nature: The XX Club is a non-profit, non-sexual, social-educational-medical-outreach organization for persons interested in transsexualism. Friends and relatives are also welcomed, as are all those interested or involved with the crossdressing community.

Services: The XX Club has a monthly newsletter, and holds 2 meetings each month (the 2nd and 4th Saturday). The meetings include educational and medical programs, outreach work and information distribution. We also have social get-togethers, club parties, etc.

Security: We place no security precautions on people who wish to subscribe to our newsletter. However, if an individual wishes to attend our meetings, that person must meet and be cleared by a member of our screening committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure that the attendee understands the XX Club's objectives and goals and that the individual will comply with security requirements and code of conduct. We request that all who attend our functions or meetings respect our anonymity.

HARRIET LANE'S TV SET Harriet Lane, Box 4002 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford CT 06492 203-288-1166

Nature: Harriet Lane's is a social membership and guest club for all persons interested in crossdressing. TSs, relatives and friends welcome. The TV Set has 65+ active members with over 400 guests per year.

Services: Private home on dead end street, parties twice a month on 2nd & 4th Sat. - buffet - open bar or BYOB w/setups. Members may store clothes, and visit during the week. A newsletter every three months containing club dates, past parties & referrals of other clubs and coming attractions plus places to purchase femme wear. Overnight accomodations for qualified TVs, TSs and friends. Live-in cosmetologists.

Security: Security precautions are very mild to the point of a phone call to Harriet Lane for screening. No drugs or excessive alcohol will be tolerated - all participants at both parties will conduct themselves as ladies & gentlepersons. Treat all ladies & TV ladies as you would your mother or sister or daughter. With respect!!

NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA

NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Fem Fashions, Penthouse B, 157 W 57th St, New York, NY 10019 (212) 582-6823 Muriel Olive, Director

Nature: See 'Gatewsy Gender Alliance'

LONG ISLAND SOCIAL CLUB contact: Kay & Ursula Kwarta, 50 Sunny Rd, St. James, NY 11780 (516) 584-7736

Nature: Monthly dinner parties in a non-sexual atmosphere. A social gathering for crossdressers, transsexuals, their relatives & friends.

Services: Meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month. Bring your own bottle. A $10 charge includes a hot meal. Limited space available for dressing. Reservations necessary, so enough food for all is available.

Security: A phone call to Kay will usually suffice. No drugs or excessive alcohol will be tolerated. All guests are expected to conduct themselves as ladies & gentlemen.

THE BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Nature: The BLI is a non-profit non-sexual social organization for novice and accomplished crossdressers. The emphasis is on novice crossdressers. Most programs are geared for the novice. Accomplished crossdressers serve as our staff at meetings. The BLI is an educational arm of Joyce Dewhurst Parties, but both are separate and distinct.

Services: The BLI provides very informal get-togethers, beauty courses and a variety of social and educational events.

Security: No screening or security requirements. If, however, you do not meet our very liberal standards you will be so advised. This has happened only four times in five years.

JOYCE DEWHURST 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Nature: Strictly social. Open to anyone interested in the crossdressing scene.

Services: Joyce Dewhurst sponsors frequent parties and debutante balls in NYC, and weekend outings to the Poconos in May and September.

Security: No screening or security requirements.

CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER (TRI ESS) Mr. M.J. Moran, Box 4988, Pougkeepsie NY 12602

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'.

Services: Get-togethers the 3rd Saturday of each month in either Northern New Jersey or Southern Westchester County NY. Very interested in attracting wives and girl friends. We have 27 paid members, and have been in existence for over two years.

Security: Private interview with Chapter President or qualified member.

NU CHAPTER (GGA), c/o P.O. Box 9034, Morristown, NJ 07960

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance

SUE HALL ENTERPRISES Box 74, Changewater, NJ 07831

Nature: For TV Swingers.

Services: Sue Hall publishes 'The Mini-Skirt News' (a newsletter for TV Swingers with a readership in excess of 1700), has in-house parties every Monday, and has a commercial boutique.

Security: No particular security requirements, but dangerous or irresponsible people are not welcome.

PHI CHAPTER (GGA), c/o L. Walker, Box 7330, Newark, DE 19711

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

TRANSPITT: New group in Pittsburgh, PA. A publically available P.O. box or phone number is not available at this time. Anyone wishing to contact this group may do so by writing: Johnnie D. (TRANSPITT), C/O Tiffany Club, Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778.

Nature: Open membership, non-sexual social club.

MID-ATLANTIC, SOUTHEAST

JANUS/DC: c/o Gene Baker, Advisor, 5715 16th St., NW Washington, DC 20011

Nature: Transsexual support

ACADEMY AWARDS c/o B.A. Lind, 5375 Duke St A-1416, Alexandria, VA 22304

Nature: Drag-Gay, with an emphasis on the performing arts.

HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER: c/o N. Cooper, S-180 Box 2400, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

DELTA CHI CHAPTER: Sandy Macbin, Box 11254 Lincolnia Sta., Alexandria, VA 22312

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

CAPITOL CHAPTER: c/o Pam Haynes, Rt #1, Box 651, Marshall, VA 22115

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

THE ELITE TV CO.: c/o Gigi Grant, P.O. Box 47686, Atlanta, GA 30362

SUCCESS CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Adams, 12006 Mahogony Dr., Hudson, FL 33562

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

MID-WEST, SOUTH-CENTRAL

PARADISE CLUB Box 17032, Cleveland OH 44117

Nature: Paradise is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an emphasis on friendship and support (especially for wives). Paradise has approximately 90 members with an average of 50+ in attendance at each meeting.

Services: Paradise publishes a newsletter (Paradise Tales), and every other month sponsors a meeting with a catered dinner, and usually a special function such as a speaker, make-up advice, a show, etc. Paradise also sponsors informal socials during the months between regular meetings.

Security: Crossroads welcomes all mature and responsible people, and places an emphasis on good manners, common sense, and the security of all. Membership is offered only after a personal interview with an officer. Non-members may attend meetings, with concurrence of officer. Open membership, but all members must be crossdressers, and must dress at meetings.

CROSSROADS CHAPTER Box 1298, Flint MI 48501

Nature: Crossroads is a non-profit non-sexual social organization emphasizing friendship and support and the peace of mind of all. Crossroads has a formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250.

Services: Crossroads publishes a newsletter (Crossroads Chatter), and sponsors both formal and casual social activities. Crossroads provides referrals to other organizations nationwide, and helping professionals in the Great Lake area. Crossroads also investigates agencies, businesses and organizations, and does considerable outreach work and publicity for the paraculture.

Security: Crossroads welcomes all mature and responsible people, and places an emphasis on good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

WINDY CITY CHAPTER (GGA): P.O. Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690 Sharon Hart, President

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

CHI CHAPTER (TRI ESS): c/o Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines, IL 60018

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self'

CHICAGO CHAPTER (SHANGRI-LA): c/o Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713

Nature: See 'Shangri-La Club'

EASTERN IOWA CHAPTER (GGA): Connie Farwell, c/o Box 1205, Bettendorf, IA 52722

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

INDIANA CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Windy City Chapter, Box 2312; Chicago, IL 60690

Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

WISCONSIN NETWORK The Network, P.O. Box 632, Waukesha, WI 53187 (414) 542-5735 (3-9 p.m.)

Nature: The Newtork prefers to deal with people from a variety of life-styles (gay and bi- men and women, TVs, TSs, etc.) who are looking for long term relationships or help in developing relationships with others or with the family, friends, or other significant people in one's life.

Services: The Network includes a monthly newsletter, meetings monthly for gay men and women, bisexual men and women, and TVs and TSs. The Network also provides a monthly newsletter, social gatherings for special events, and a dating service.

ST. LOUIS CHAPTER (SHANGRI-LA): c/o Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713
Nature: See 'Shangri-La Club'

MOBIL ALABAMA CHAPTER (SHANGRI-LA): c/o Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713
Nature: See 'Shangri-La Club'

GALVESTON/HOUSTON CHAPTER (GGA): (713) 763-6227, ask for Alice
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

DALLAS/FORT WORTH CHAPTER (SHANGRI-LA): c/o Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713
Nature: See 'Shangri-La Club'

SAN ANTONIO/HOUSTON CHAPTER (SHANGRI-LA): c/o Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713
Nature: See 'Shangri-La Club'

INTER-MOUNTAIN, SOUTHWEST

MOUNTAIN ROSE SOCIETY Box 27795, Denver CO 80227
Nature: M.R.S. is a non-profit non-sexual social organization with an open membership policy. M.R.S. emphasizes friendship, support, good manners, common sense, and the security of all. M.R.S. welcomes all mature and responsible people.
Services: M.R.S. publishes a newsletter, sponaors fre quent social events, and provides information distribution for the inter-mountain area.
Security: Private interview with a qualified represent ative of the Mountain Rose Society.

SPECTRUM: P.O. Box 14671, Phoenix, AZ 85063
Nature: Open membership, non-sexual

CALIFORNIA, NORTHWEST

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER (GGA): c/o W. Thomas, Box 99732, San Diego, CA 92109
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

SAN DIEGO/OCEANSIDE CHAPTER (SHANGRI-LA): c/o Nsncy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713
Nature: See 'Shangri-La Club'

CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB (CHIC) CHIC, Box 562, Duarte CA 91010 213-456-6511
Nature: CHIC is for heterosexual transvestites or crossdressers only, wives, professional people (MDs, psycholo gists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners.
Services: CHIC sponsors meetings, parties, monthy dinners, and seminars on make-up, wigs, clothes, etc. CHIC publishes a monthly newsletter (CHIC Clippings), and sponsors educational programs for the public.
Security: CHIC meetings are closed - members only and approved guests. All guests must be screened and approved by two Board members as well as the hostess if a home meeting. Prospective members must apply with a written application, be interviewed by two members of the membership committee and then approved by the Board of Directors. CHIC emphasizes strict security for all its members and guests.

ALPHA CHAPTER (LOS ANGELES, TRI-ESS): c/o Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275
Nature: See 'Society For The Second Self'

SCYROS CHAPTER (LOS ANGELES, SHANGRI-LA): c/o Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713
Nature: See 'Shangri-La Club'

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Nature: Tri Ess is s non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers.
Services: Tri Ess provides a correspondence directory, of commercial services, a magazine (The Femme Mirror), and chapters throughout the U.S.
Security: Membership in Tri Ess is open to heterosexual TVs only. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to insure they are heterosexual and will comply with the Tri Ess code of conduct.

SHANGRI-LA CLUB Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713
Nature: Shangri-La is a non-profit social organization for crossdressers. Shangri La places emphasis on friendship and security.
Services: Shangri-La provides a bi-monthly newsletter (Le Femme), membership directory, identification card, free mail forwarding, reduced rate invitation to regional events, a commercial services directory, and a manual on how to form local chapters. Shangri La sponsors two major events, the 5-day Spring Shangri La (Biloxi), and June Shangri La (Southern California). Shangri-La has local chapters throughout the U.S.
Security: Prospective members are interviewed by Nancy Watson or officers of the local chapters.

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 408-734-3773 after 6pm (PST)
Nature: GGA is a non-profit non-sexual organization for the male-to-female and female-to-male crossdresser and transsexual, and supportive friends. GGA has chapters in several areas of the U.S. and Canada, but does not require that members of a local chapter be members of the national organization. Membership must be open to all crossdressers and transsexuals, both male-to-female and female-to-male, regardless of their sexual preferences, practices or orientation.
Services: GGA provides a correspondence directory, identification card, a monthly magazine (The Phoenix), peer counseling, a hot line, and chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada.
Security: Security is the responsibility of the local chapters. Usually the requirement is a meeting with the chapter president prior to coming to a meeting to ensure understanding of GGA objectives and code of conduct.

SAN JOSE CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Box 62283, Sunnyvale, CA 94088 (408)734-3773 (after 6 PST)
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER (GGA): c/o Bonnie Goodwin, Box 38918, Sacramento, CA 95838
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'

NORTHWEST CHAPTER (GGA) Box 13173, Portland OR 97213
Nature: See 'Gateway Gender Alliance'.
Services: The Northwest Chapter has at least one function each month. The days vary in order to allow all of our girls to attend as often as is possible. We also publish a monthly newsletter.
Security: Private interview with the chapter president.

EMERALD CITY Box 31318, Seattle, WA 98103
Nature: Non-sexual (sister chapter of Northwest Chapter)
Services: Frequent social functions
Security: Requirements not available at this time.

CANADA

TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL (TAMS) Box 1164 Station H, Montreal Que Can H3G-2N1
Nature: TAMS is a non-profit non-sexual social organizations with an open membership policy.
Services: TAMS publishes a newsletter (The Garter Press), and has frequent social get-togethers.
Security: No particular requirements stated, but participants are expected to protect the security of all.

BEAUMONT SOCIETY Box 3084, London WC1N-3XX England

Nature: Beaumont is a non-profit non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Great Britain.

Services: Beaumont sponsors evening and weekend functions, provides counseling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Beaumont also publishes two bi-monthly magazines, "The Beaumont Bulletin" which contains editorial notices, personal ads, a shopping guide, regional news, etc., and "Beaumag" which contains fictional, biographical or autobiographical stories. Beaumont also provides a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral to other organizations. Beaumont has a network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations world-wide.

Security: Private interview with a qualified member.

TV/TS GROUP: Yvonne Sinclair, The TV/TS Group, 274 Upper Street, Islington, London England N.1 01-359-4868 (8-10 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Sun.)

Nature: Open membership, non-sexual. Additional information not available at this time.

Services: Social activities, publishes 'The Glad Rag'.

SELF HELP ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSSEXUALS (SHAFT): 46 Liddell Way, South Ascot, Berkshire, England SL5 9UX

Nature: Details are unavailable at this time.

FRIENDS MERSEYSIDE 14 Colquitt St., Liverpool, England L1 4DE 051-708-0234

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society'

FEMME TRAVESTIE 8023 Zurich, Switzerland Postfach 6788

Nature: Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

F.P.E. NORTHERN EUROPE: M.A. Postboks 192 DK2600, Glostrup, Denmark (Do not put F.P.E. on envelope)

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society'

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society'

ELIZABETH CLUB Ant Trading Co., Sakata Building, 1-12 Iwamoto-cho Kanda, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101, Japan

Nature: The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya.

Services: We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, etc. for members. The Elizabeth Club also publishes a magazine called "Queen" every other month. The magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan.

THE SEAHORSE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney, 2000, Australia

Nature: Seahorse Club is a non-profit social organization for transvestites and families. Membership of approximately 150, welcomes new members, overseas visitors and offers support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership. Affiliated with the Beaumont Society of England.

services: Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, being femme bymeans of a montbly newsletter to members and publishes the magazine "Feminique" on a regular basis. Meetings are held in sydney on the last Friday of each month (except December, when the meeting is the 2nd or 3rd Friday). Meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, etc.

Security: Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members (who are not advised of the meeting places) unless they wish to become full members. Overseas members require screening in the same way and overseas visitors need to be either screened or have necessary accreditation from a similar organization (e.g. Beaumont Society, Tiffany's).

SEAHORSE VICTORIA: c/o GPO Box 23372, Melbourne, Australia, 3001

Nature: See 'Seahorse Club'

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COMING EVENTS

CALANDER OF MAJOR EVENTS, 1984/85

8/18	Tiffany Club's 4th Annual Clam Bake (MA)
9/15	Tiffany Club's 6th annual Fall Open House (MA)
9/21-23	Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend (PA)
9/22	Lee Brewster's Party (NYC)
9/25	Windy City Chapter's "Miss Windy City" Contest (IL)
10/12-21	Fantasia Fair (Cape Cod MA)
10/20-22	Tiffany Club's Wives Support Group P-town Outing
10/24-28	Tri Ess' 'Holiday En Femme' in San Francisco
11/3	Tiffany's Halloween Party
11/17	Tiffany's Thanksgiving Banquet
12/15	Tiffany's Christmas Party
1/19/85	Tiffany's Awards Banquet
4/4-7/85	Windy City Chapter's Spring Fling in Chicago

NEW ENGLAND

TIFFANY CLUB (Open, non-sexual) Box 19, Wayland MA 01778 (617)358-5575
Open Meetings: Casual get-togethers 7pm each Tuesday and Saturday
Business Meetings: 8pm, 4th Saturday of each month. General and Key members are encouraged to attend.
Wives Support Group: 7:30pm, last Friday of each month
Educational Programs: Topics of specific interests (legal, medical, political, etc). 7:30pm, 2nd Wednesday of each month
Personal Improvement Classes: (make-up, comportment, wardrobe, etc.)
Sundays: Evenings out on the town. Patricia Anne Ashley, organizer
Transsexual Support Group: Due to the inflexible schedules of guest speakers, regularly scheduled meetings have been cancelled in favor of a flexible schedule. To be placed on the list for notification of events, contact: Linda Johnston, Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778
(make-up, wardrobe & accessories, comportment, sewing, etc.)
Summer Schedule: Frequent pool pararties, bar-b-ques, outings irregularly scheduled
Annual Clam Bake: All day, Saturday, August 18, 1984. The 'Bake' will begin at 8pm, however, the pool will be open and bar-b-que will be open all day, and the lights will be on at night, so come and make a day of it. Come casual.
Fee: $15.- per person
Fall Clean-Up: All day, Saturday, September 1.
Annual Fall Open House: All day, Saturday, September 15, 1984. We will have our annual chicken bar-b-que beginning early evening. However, as with the Clam Bake, come early and stay late, and come casual.
Voice Classes: 7:30pm, Wednesday, August 8 & 22, and September 5 & 15.
You must sign up in advance, so if you plan to attend, call, or sign up at Tiffany.
Fees: $10 per class, based on a minimum of 8 persons.
Clean-Up/Winter Prep: All day, Saturday, October 6.
Wives Support Group Outing: Weekend outing to Provincetown, October 20-22, 1984. All married or unmarried M & F couples welcome. The purpose of this outing is to simply have a nice time. For information: Call or write Stephanie & Bobbie Chandler, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778 (617)358-5575
Halloween: 7pm, Saturday, November 3, 1984.
Thanksgiving: 7pm, Saturday, November 17, 1984
Christmas Party: 7pm, Saturday, December 15

OUTREACH INSTITUTE: P.O. Box 368, Kenmore Station, Boston, MA 02215
Functions: Irregularly scheduled workshops, seminars, etc.
10th Annual Fantasia Fair: October 12-21, 1984. Provincetown, MA.

MAYFOWER SOCIETY: (Boston, sexual alternatives) Box 66, Allston MA 02134 (617)254-7389
Meetings: The weekly meeting usually begins at 7pm each Friday night. The exception is on the week before the monthly party the meeting is on Wednesday rather than Friday.
Parties: Last Saturday of each month.

HALCYON SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND: (Rhode Island, open, non-sexual) Occupant, Box 143, N. Kingston RI 02852
Meetings: First Saturday evening of each month, and 3rd Sunday afternoon of each month.
Irregularly Scheduled Events: Halcyon sponsors many events such as overnight trips to P-town and Bar Harbor, boat cruises, dinners, etc. Inquire for events, dates and times.

HARRIET LANE'S TV SET: (Connecticut, open) Harriet Lane, Box 4002 Yalesville Sta., Wallingford CT 06492 (203)288-1166
Parties: The 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. The 2nd Saturday is non-sexual, and the 4th Saturday anything goes. $10 per person, $15 per couple, food served, cash bar.

XX (TWENTY) CLUB: (Connecticut, transsexual support) XX Club, Box 6070 Sta. 'A', Hartford CT 06106 (203)522-2646
Meetings: 2pm the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

NEW YORK

NYC GGA CHAPTER: (Open, non-sexual) Muriel Olive, Penthouse B, 157 W 57th St., , NYC NY 10019 (212)-582-6823
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

JOYCE DEWHURST, BETTER LIVING INSTITUTE: (NYC, open, parties, special programs) B.L.I., c/o Joyce Dewhurst, 37-50 76 St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (212)335-3048
Summertime Parties: Irregularly scheduled. Inquire for time & location.
Fall Poconos Weekend: Tentatively scheduled for September 21,22,23

LEE'S MARDI GRAS: (Social) Lee's Mardi Gras , 565 10th Ave., NYC NY 10036
Party Dates:
Saturday, September 22nd
Saturday, October 27th
Monday, November 5th
Saturday, November 17th
Monday, December 3rd
Saturday, December 15th
Monday, December 31st
Columbus Day Outing: Weekend outing to Provincetown, MA. tentatively scheduled for the second weekend of October, 1985

EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY: (NYC, For those with S/M & B/D fantasies) The Eulenspiegel Society, Box 2783 Grand Central Sta., NYC, NY 10163 (212) 477-6588
Functions: Frequent events specifically oriented for the TV. Inquire for times & location.

LONG ISLAND SOCIAL CLUB: (Open, non-sexual) Kay & Ursula Kwarta, 50 Sunny Rd, St. James, NY 11780 (516) 584-7736
Meetings: 4th Saturday of each month

CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER (TRI ESS): (Closed, heterosexual) Mr. M.J. Moran, Box 4988, Poughkeepsie NY 12602
Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each month, locations vary.

CENTRAL/WESTERN NEW YORK SOCIAL CLUB: (Open, non-sexual) This new group does not have a mailing address that can be given publically, so any inquiries for this group should be addressed: Angela Sheedy, c/o Tiffany Club, Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778
Meetings: Schedule not available

NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA

PHI CHAPTER (GGA): (South NJ, Phila., open non-sexual) C/O L. Walker, Box 7330, Newark, DE 19711
Meetings: 4th Saturday of each month

NU CHAPTER (GGA): (Northern NJ, Open, non-sexual) P.O. Box 9034, Morristown, NJ 07960
Meetings: 1st Saturday of each month

SUE HALL: (NJ, TVs and Swingers) Sue Hall Ent., Box 74, Changewater NJ 07831
Meetings: Mondays, dress as you like

TRANSPITT: (Social, open, non-sexual) No address is available for public information. Anyone wishing to contact Transpitt directly can do so by writing Johnnie D. (PA), c/o Tiffany Club, Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778
Meetings: All regular meetings are held at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 321 Oakland Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (412) 683-9422. Regular meetings are usually held on the 3rd Saturday of every month, but inquire first.
Halloween: Saturday, 10/27/84. Loca-

tion to be announced.
Christmas Party: Saturday, 12/15/84

MID-ATLANTIC

DELTA CHI CHAPTER (GGA): (Baltimore - DC, open non-sexual) Sandy Machin, Box 11254 Lincolnia Sta., Alexandria VA 22312
Meetings: 1st Saturday of each month

ACADAMY AWARDS: (Baltimore - Wash. DC, Drag - gay) c/o B.A. Lind, 5375 Duke St A-1416, Alexandria, VA 22215
Functions: Inquire for events, times, and locations

CAPITAL CHAPTER (GGA): (Baltimore - Wash. DC, open non-sexual) Pam Haynes, Rt #1, Box 651, Marshall VA 22115
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

JANUS/DC: (Washington DC, Transsexual Support) Gene Baker, Advisor, 5715 16th St., NW Washington, DC 20011
Meetings: 4th Thursday each month

HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER (GGA): (Virginia, open) N. Cooper, S-180 Box 2400, Virginia Beach, VA 23452
Meetings: Irregularly scheduled

SOUTHEAST-SOUTH

THE ELITE TV CO.: Gigi Grant, P.O. Box 47686, Atlanta, GA 30362
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

SUCCESS CHAPTER (GGA): (Florida, open non-sexual) c/o Adams, 12006 Mahongony Dr, Hudson FL 33562
Meetings: 2nd Saturday of each odd numbered month.

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA SOCIAL CLUB: (Open, non-sexual) Nikki Bee, Box 307, Hollywood, FL 33022
Meetings: No schedule available at this time.

GENDER DYSPHORIA CENTER: (Galveston, transsexual support) Alice (713) 763-6227
Meetings: 1st Saturday each month exept July, August & September

MIDWEST

WINDY CITY CHAPTER (GGA): (Chicago, open non-sexual) Sharon Renee Hart, Box 2312, Chicago IL 60690 (312) 472-4518
Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of every month
2nd Annual Miss GGA Windy City Chapter Contest: 8pm, Tuesday, September 25, 1984. At the Club Victoria, 3153 N. Broadway, Chicago. Tickets, $5.00 a seat.
Spring Fling In Chicago: April 4-7, 1985. Details pending.

CHI CHAPTER (TRI ESS): (Illinois, closed heterosexual) Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines IL 60018
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

CROSSROADS CHAPTER: (Michigan, open non-sexual) Crossroads Chapter, Box 1298, Flint MI 48501
Meetings: Irregularly scheduled

PARADISE CLUB: (Ohio, open non-sexual) Paradise Club, Box 24363, Cleveland OH 44124
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each even numbered month. (There are reports of socials during the odd numbered months, but inquire first.)

NORTH INDIANA CHAPTER (GGA): (Indiana, Open, non-sexual) c/o Sharon Hart, Box 2312, Chicago, IL 60690 (312) 472-4518
Meetings: Inquire first

IOWA/ILLINOIS CHAPTER (GGA): (Eastern Iowa, Western Illinois, Open, Non-sexual) Connie Farwell, c/o Box 1205, Bettendorf, IA 52722
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

WISCONSIN NETWORK: (Open to gay and bi- men and women as well as TVs and TSs, non-sexual) Dee Dailey, P.O. Box 632, Waukesha, WI 53187 (414) 542-5735
Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each month

INTER-MOUNTAIN

MOUNTAIN ROSE SOCIETY: (Colorado, open non-sexual) M.R.S., Box 27795, Denver CO 80227
Meetings: 1st Friday of each month at locations to be announced. Also there are reports of daytime meetings, but inquire first.

DENVER GENDER IDENTITY CENTER: (Service, information, contacts and professional staff serving the crossdressing community.) Denver GIC, 2715 W. 32nd Ave, Denver CO 80211, 303-458-5378
Morning Group: Inquire for time & day
Adolescent Group: Scheduled according to need. Inquire first.
Spouses Group: 1st Tuesday of each month. (Subject to change. Inquire first.)
Monday Evening Rap Session: Every Monday, 8 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Group: (For those ready to deal with the issues.) Every Wednesday, 8 p.m.
Voice & Movement: Every Saturday, 10 a.m. (by registration only)
Irregularly Scheduled Events: Workrkshops and seminars for professionals, education, etc. Inquire for topics, times & dates.

COMMIT: (Colorado, Social/Service) Commit, P.O. Box 61316, Denver, CO 61316 (303) 297-9585
Business meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month
Membership meetings: 2nd Tuesday of February, May, September

SOUTHWEST

SPECTRUM: (Arizona, open, non-sexual) P.O. Box 14671, Phoenix AZ 85063
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

CALIFORNIA

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF (TRI ESS): (Chapters nation-wide, closed, heterosexual) Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Alpha Chapter: (Los Angeles) Inquire
Sigma Delta Chapter: (San Diego) Inquire

CHIC (CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTER-SOCIAL CLUB): (Closed, heterosexual) CHIC, Box 562, Duarte CA 91010 (213)456-6511
Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month

SHANGRI-LA CLUB: (National membership, open non-sexual) Nancy Watson, Box 19202, Irvine CA 92713
Scyros Chapter: 1st Saturday of each month
Shangri-La West: Annual outing held each June in Stallion Springs, California
Shangri-La '85: Annual five-day vacation held each April near Biloxi, Mississippi

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER (GGA): (Open non-sexual) W. Thomas, Box 99732, San Diego CA 92109
Meetings: Inquire first

GATEWAY GENDER ALLIANCE (GGA): (Chapters throughout North America, open non-sexual) GGA, Box 62283, Sunnyvale CA 94088 (408)734-3773
San Francisco: 2nd Wednesday each month 8pm
San Jose: 8pm 1st and 3rd Friday each month
Santa Rosa: 1st Friday and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2525 Cleveland Ave. (707) 526 2500
Sacramento Chapter: 2nd Friday of each month. Write: Bonnie Goodwin, Box 38918, Sacramento CA 95838

PACIFIC CENTER: (Community Services for sexual minorities) P.O. Box 908, Berkeley, CA 94701 (408) 841-6224
Meetings: Rap sessions the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
Special Topic or Speaker: Last Friday of each month

NORTHWEST, HAWAII

NORTHWEST CHAPTER-PORTLAND (GGA): (open, non-sexual, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

EMERALD CITY: (Open, non-sexual) Emerald City, Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103
Meetings: Inquire for time & location

SEATTLE COUNSELING SERVICE: (TV/TS Support group, non-sexual) Seattle Counseling Service, 1505 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122
Meetings: Every Friday 8-10 p.m.

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER: (Hawaii) 2139 Kuhio Ave, Honolulu, HI 96813 926-1000
Meetings: Discussion group, 7:30, every Tuesday

CANADA

TRANSVESTITES AU MONTREAL (TAMS): (Open, non-sexual) CP 1164 Succ H, Montreal, Que Can H3G-2N1
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QUEBEC TRANSSEXUAL AID, INC.: (Transsexual support, French speaking) Viviane Audrey, 5280 5 E Ave Est, Apt 2, Charlesbourg, P. Que. Canada G1H-3R6
Meetings: No schedule available at this time

FACT (FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CANADIAN TRANSSEXUALS): FACT, Box 291, Sta. 'A', Hamilton Ont Can L8N-3C8 416-539-7884
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GREAT BRITAIN

BEAUMONT SOCIETY: (Closed, heterosexual) Beaumont Society, Box 3084, London England 2C1N-3XX
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Meetings: Inquire for time & location

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THE TV/TS SOCIAL GROUP: (Open, non-sexual) 274 Upper St., Islington, London N.1. England 01-359-4868 (Fri, Sat, Sun 8-10pm)
Meetings: Every Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 to 11:00pm, at the above address

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EUROPE

TRANS-CCL: (France, support for sexual minorities) Rev. Joseph Douce, Centre du Christ Liberateur, Minorites Sexuelles, TRANS-CCL, 3 bis, rue Clairaut, 75017 Paris - France (1) 226-7048 (also, help line Mon. 8-10pm [1] 627-4936) (Rev. Douce speaks English)
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Meetings: Schedule not available

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FEMME TRAVESTIE: (Switzerland, inquire for membership qualifications) Femme Travestie, 8023 Zurich, Postfach 6788, Switzerland
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FAR EAST, AUSTRALIA

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SEAHORSE CLUB: (Australia, affiliated with England's Beaumont Society)
Seahorse Victoria (Melbourne) GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne 3001 Australia - Meeting schedule unavailable.
The Seahorse Club of Australia (Sydney) Box R341, Royal Exchange, Sydney 2000, Australia - Meetings: Last Friday of each month
National Seahorse Club of Australia (Adelaide) write: Lynda Ailion, P.O. Box 89, Norwood, South Australia 5067 - meeting schedule unavailable

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HEDESTHIA: (New Zealand, affiliated with England's Beaumont Society) Ms J.F. Gall (National Secretary), Hedesthia Central, P.O. Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland 2 New Zealand
Meetings: Schedule unavailable

VACATIONS

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September 21-23, 1984: Annual 3-day event in a resort in the Poconos

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FANTASIA FAIR: (Cape Cod, open non-sexual) Eve Goodwin, Dept FF Box 368 Kenmore Sta., Boston MA 02215
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SHANGRI-LA: (open, non-sexual) Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, CA 92713
April 1985 in Biloxi Mississippi
June 20-23, 1985, Annual 3-day event held in Stallion Spring, California

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SPRING FLING IN CHICAGO: April 4 thru April 7, 1985.
This event is sponsored by the Windy City Chapter of the Gateway Gender Alliance, and is the first of what will hopefully be an annual event. Details pending.

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LETTERS

Dear Editor

I have been a crossdresser for 25 years. I have gone thru probably 10 complete wardrobes due to the difficult time I have had accepting myself for who I am. At the ripe old age of 39 I have finally accepted the fact that crossdressing is the most relaxing, yet the most daring thing I do. I will no longer deny my feminine self even though I must keep it secret from those I love. It's difficult for me not to be open but sometimes we must make sacrifices for the general good in our lives.

Tapestry is the best publication I have read to date on subject matter most close to my heart. You people have helped me find my real self and for that I shall always be grateful.

Thanks once again for your help and please continue your quality work in helping those of us who are special.

M.M. (FL)

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TIFFANY'S OPEN HOUSE

Dear Merissa

I thought I'd just drop you a line thanking you for your hospitality during the Open House on the Easter Weekend.

Suzanne and I both had an excellent time, meeting numerous wonderful people. It's too bad Boston is five hours away from Montreal or I'm sure we would both be back quite often.

I must say that practically everone was very friendly and helpful, in fact by the end of the evening I made quite a few friends.

Obviously Tiffany has done wonders for the TV/TS Community. Most of those present seemed quite comfortable with who they are, a pleasant change of pace.

All I can say is that I miss the group already and intent to drop by again.

L.L. (Canada)

P.S. Thanks also for allowing my Boston Bulldog to attend. As for those who kept sayuing she was actually a cat crossdressing as a dog, they might like to know she has developed a taste for cat food. Honest!

(** Qualified visitors are always welcome at Tiffany. - ED.)

Dear Merissa

Thank you so much for the 'Tapestry' (#42), my first copy. I am delighted at the wealth of information and interesting material it contains. You do such a remarkable and well organized job of putting it together.

H.W. (FL)

Dear Merissa

I have heard many good things about Tiffany from long time friends who attend Tiffany events. Although it may be quite a while before I will be able to attend any Tiffany events I would like to be a subscriber to gain knowledge of other TVs and keep current with what is going on in the TV/TS culture as to projects, and social

changes that affect us all.

During my time as a professional photographer (about 9 years) I have had an opportunity to meet/photograph many other TVs and TSs and it has broadened my view and knowledge considerably and I am interested in sharing my knowledge and ideas with others.

I am a very sincere and honest person as well as being very discrete as I'm sure my many friends and correspondents would testify. I believe that it is VERY IMPORTANT for transvestites and transsexuals to be able to come to grips with and identify with their feelings. This is especially true for the TS. There can be great pain, suffering, and confusion for the TV or TS who does not have or cannot find support and understanding, this I try to provide when possible.

PS- My address may be listed as Danielle c/o John Moran Photography, P.O. Box 1108, South Pasadena, CA 91030.

OPEN HOUSE

Dear Merissa

Words cannot explain the feelings that remained with me after attending the Tiffany Club Open House! I have never felt so good, so proud to be a crossdresser. The vibes that surrounded that party made me in love with life. The people attending were so warm and friendly. I've never felt so compatible with so many people I didn't know. I've felt so enriched knowing that I have become a small part of an organization helping people such as myself. I'm so glad that Tiffany exists and although I have no conception of what went into bringing it about, I appreciate the efforts of everyone that was instrumental in its establishment. I would like to thank all the people that introduced themselves to me on my first visit and made me feel at home and like an old friend.

Jessica D. (MA)

Dear Merissa

My first copy of 'Tapestry' arrived today and I must commend you on an excellent publication. It is well written, well organized and full of very good and thoughtful information. It seems to be that you and 'Tapestry' are doing more for the TV/TS cause and in helping to make individual TVs and TSs happier and more effective in their lives than anyone else.

C.S. (NY)

NEW GROUP IN WESTERN NEW YORK

Dear Merissa

Thank you for the copy of the 'Tapestry'. I have read it from cover to cover, and think that the very fruitful time we had to talk at the Poconos - plus the things I read, have somewhat shaken me.

The growth and healthy expansion of 'the' paraculture dictates that we who believe in freedom of choice and expressing our deepest interests for full fulfillment, stand-up & help others to feel free enough to assert their rights.

That may sound melodramatic or even patriotic, but in reading 'Tapestry', I found that I wanted to stand-up & yell "Finally!" A viable, accurate, caring & well presented argument for getting off my butt and doing something for others & thus, for myself.

Such is the reasoning in being a volunteer. The fact that you help others means that you usually benefit from it even more.

There will be a new group in central New York, and I'll be depending on a lot of info from you on references in my area.

I have written ---- ---- and we will be formulating a plan of attack, and organizing a newsletter. Hopefully, by the next Pocono Weekend in Sept., we can announce our new group in this area.

I have plenty of ideas about what can be done, but just one issue of 'Tapestry' shows me just how far behind my area really is. There is a lot of work ahead.

Angela S. (Syracuse NY)

(** If you live in the Syracuse NY area, and would like to contact Angela, you may do so by following the instructions for responding to a personal ad, and write: Angela S. [Syracuse NY] c/o Tiffany. -ED)

OPEN HOUSE

Dear Merissa

In all my life I never was able to carry on a normal conversation while wearing skirt and heels. My first visit to Tiffany, during the April Open House, was a very memorable experience since I was able to relate to many truly remarkable people.

I discovered the Tiffany Club through Tapestry and would like to offer encouragement to readers who feel the desire to visit the Club and have opposing conflicts.

My introduction was extremely comfortable and totally discreet. As the afternoon progressed I actually felt an increasingly feminine presence externalizing from my inner self. The warmth which engulfed me was far different than the paranoic feelings I have previously encountered whole on solo out of the closet expeditions.

Regrets were few. First, Iwish I could have stayed longer to meet more of my sisters. Second, I wish that I had known of Tiffany sooner. My final regret is that distribution of Tapestry appears to be limited and there must be many others who also need this form of social contact. Some day it would be nice to see Tapestry available in the library of some liberal universities.

Melody S. (MA)

Dear Editor

I sincerely hope you or someone can help me. I am just a little confused about life. Outside I am a 27 year old male but since I can remember my feelings just didn't fit, didn't seem normal. Now I know what the problem is - I want to be a woman, or as close as possible.

I don't know anything about the physical problems I really have put up with all these years, but I sure am familiar with the mental and emotional pain. Let me give you a brief run-down on my life.

I started crossdressing very early, and the feelings were with me a lot. I only crossdressed in privacy, and was never caught. I just couldn't undress in front of men in school so I failed Phys Ed. For that I received a lot of mental abuse.

To prove my manhood I joined the Navy. For the first time in my life I had to unclothe in front of men. It was very traumatic! when I was sent to the fleet, I had to live with 250 men on a 200 foot ship. I really didn't like that but I found that not many people take showers after midnight. I also decided during this period that a man should have a wife.

I had been drinking for a long time to try to control my inner feelings. I was forced to give up drinking in 1976 when my wife said it was hurting my sex life. Things went downhill fast. These feelings overwhelmed me. I thought there was no hope. I felt like I was going crazy so I attempted suicide after a month and a half.

The Navy threw me out, nicely with an honorable discharge

My marriage ended as a result of the note I left which explained my feelings.

From 1977 to within the last few months I bounced in and out of the booby hatch at the VA hospital, and had constant psychiatric care at the Mental Health Clinic. I was drinking and drugging constantly.

I met my AA counslor, and sobered up in January. She does know about my desires and she spotted it herself. It seems she has researched this field. She is the first person to tell me and reassure me that I wasn't crazy. What a relief! Since the 1st of January I have allowed myself to feel without guilt.

I very rarely make decisions, but this one I have made. I know now that if I am to lead a fairly normal life I have to become a woman.

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Sincerely, M.C. (ME)

Dear Editor

I received my first copy of 'Tapestry last week and was delighted by the whole structure of the magazine. You see, I am a closet crossdresser who has never come in contact with other people who enjoy doing what I do. The impact the magazine had on me you can now surely understand.

W.O. (NH)

(** The following 'letter' should not be taken too seriously -ED)

LAMBCHOPS INTERNATIONAL
PRESERVATION SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT
by Malinda Lee Anderson
President, L.I.P.S.

Dear Merissa

The Tiffany Gala Event provided me with some unique experiences that go be ond my powers of description. Suffice it to say that it was a memorable occasion. I wish to extend my particular thanks to you for your work in making this weekend possible, and to the participants for making it such a success.

I was, though deeply disappointed with the Lambchops (lambchopitus Libertinis P-townus) Watching Expedition! This heroic creature looked undernourished, displayed a bedraggled aspect, a forlorn visage, and its mild behavior was disagreeable to a few. I can only surmise that this rare species was either molting, pining-away as a victim of some unignited love, or was in its thirty-year cycle of non-mating. As President of the Lambchops International Preservation Society (LIPS) I plan on calling an emergency meeting to decide what, if anything, can be done to restore this creature to its usual vigor. This situation was made worse by the lack of any inferior sub-species who usually show up at these events to pester the participants. I must, for once, and once only, state that the Lounge Lizard Sexualis' presence would have been of some benefit in this instance.

In order to prevent a lack of rare and beautiful creatures from afflicting the Tiffany Weekend again, I have contacted the renowned animal trainer, Sharon Hart, who keeps her own midwestern zoo. She has promised to loan me a creature well-known in some circles for next year's outing. This beast, Dextrous Trisexualis Chitownis, is similar to the Lambchopitus in some respects, although its plumage is not as significant. Nonetheless, it can be deadly, mainly to novices-by virtue of its overly gallant behavior, its interest in lingerie, and the expensive vehicle with which it impresses its victims while hauling them off to its lair. Contrary to public opinion, this creature possesses only two hands, not the six pairs that some TVs have credited it with. I do not hold it against the Dextrous Trisexualis Chitownis that it was banned from one circle in Cleveland; after all, that is on the same level as being banned in Ft. Mudge Arkansas, and I have been thrown out of better places than that.

Anyone having constructive comments to make on the items mentioned in this letter may contact me via the Tiffany Club. The next regular LIPS meeting will be in October. Membership is open without fee to anyone eighteen years of age or older.

Malinda Lee Anderson
President, LIPS

PS - At the Spring Gala of 1985 we will be selling T-shirts as a fundraiser to benefit the Organization.

Dear Merissa

I have just received my first (#42) copy of TAPESTRY and am simply thrilled. I was especially pleased at the size of it, the many different types of articles, and most especially the personal and services listings.

Being rather shy, I had never sought out other crossdressers and in fact, as far as I know have never actually met one. But after reading all the Personal Listings, I feel I know a lot of very nice ladies who I didn't know just week ago.

The Services Directory also came in for heavy scrutiny, with the result that I found three groups represented in my state, and I will almost surely try to affiliate with one or more.

Thank you so much and keep up the good work. Also, thanks to Ari Kane's OUTREACH NEWSLETTER for getting us together.

Jan R. (TX)

Dear Kim

Would you make a couple of corrections in your listings (in issue 42)? For the New York City GGA Chapter, please change Suite 601 to Penthouse B. And list meetings as being held on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Merissa -- and the entire staff -- should be very proud of your wonderful publication. Tapestry was always one of the better publications, but now I'd say it is the best.

The photos, feature articles, Liz's illustrations, and other editorial content are both timely and tasteful. And no other paper, newsletter, or magazine does such a thorough job of presenting news of coming events, groups, information sources, and notices.

My congratulations to Tapestry as a most necessary publication for TV's and TS's.

Sincerely, Muriel Olive

Dear Delores

I am now a subscriber to "Tapestry" and enjoy it very much. I've only read two copies but feel that it is an outstanding publication for girls like us, and does so much to bring us all together.

Terri S. (MI)

Dear Editor

Even though there's little chance I'll be able to attend your meetings or use your wonderful sounding private facility, your description in the literature under "About the Tiffany Club" citing its ideals and purposes is, to me, almost too marvelous to be true.

The literature also suggests sending a "statement about yourself..."

As noted, I am 62, married and the father of five grown children. I took early retirement from my executive position with a large company here in (W. NY). I retired principally to have the time and freedom to cross dress better and more often. I do so virtually 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to the point that when a social or other occasion arises that I must dress as a male I feel I am "cross dressed" in male attire.

My mode of dress is very low key. It could be described almost as suburban housewife -- one who dresses stylishly casual when she goes shopping, yet feels naked without some lipstick and mascara. Actually, I'd like to be a little more flamboyant once in awhile, but the (W. NY) area being what it is, there's no place to go after dark. I'm not gay, so the bars and gay social events are out and (W. NY) no longer has a TV/TS Support Organization.

As far as I know, I am a heterosexual, male-to-female TV. To say I "enjoy" cross dressing is a vast understatement. Presently, I literally live for it, and hope any publications I might receive as a Tiffany member will lead me to some new horizons within the cross dressing sphere. By 'new horizons' I mean some new thoughts, perhaps friends and some new ideas.

Today, even though I unhesitatingly and with full confidence venture 4 and 5 times a week into public (usually shopping malls), I am becoming a bit bored with the same old sights and my lonely parade. I still enjoy the acceptance of passers-by (no puzzled stares or over-the-shoulder looks) and sales and service people in stores and recognize it as a reward of sorts for my skill with makeup and good taste in attire, plus a certain body language. To gain even more of the feeling of being a woman, I readily risk the use of ladies' rooms and fitting rooms in department stores. I use the former whether I need to "go" or not, but am very circumspect: quick use of a booth fast lipstick touchup, never even glancing at women in the room.

I must admit that the "looks" I get that I enjoy the most are admiring ones from men but don't want it to go further than that. There was a time when I tried to get a change of pace by going to straight cocktail lounges in better motels. I'd dress in a young business woman's skirted suit, carry a briefcase-style shoulder bag, wear a

short-style wig and careful, full but understated makeup, and shakily sit alone at the bar around the cocktail hour. There were times when I'd even register at the motel to have a room where I could achieve the exact look I wanted. You may think this is all a fantasy coming from someone my age, but it worked, much to my surprise. Always at least one man engaged me in conversation, cringing not the least at "the bad cold" I paretended to have to excuse my voice. I never paid for a drink, had dinner on one occasion with a nice, shy guy (who naively accepted my ecuse of a "vaginal infection") and was alternately bored o9r pleased with dull/drunken or interesting conversation. And I was always excited by the fact that I was accepted as a woman and was even "desirable" enough to be wanted for more than mere conversation.

As with all good things, my bar-hopping came to an end one night when, probably because of two or perhaps even three drinks too many on an empty stomach, I found myself in the room of a very large man who gave me my first (and last) male kiss while holding me in an inescapable bear hug and suggested I strip and get into bed while he went to the bathroom. My guardian angel came back to me when the man habitually (I suppose) closedc the bathroom door and I escaped down a back stairway, braking a heel off completely on the concrete steps.

Back in '75 and '76 under a lot of job and family pressures, I decided to try to become a female through sex reassignment. After nearly a year and a half of counseling and testing at a gender ID clinic here and one in Syracuse, I was evaluated as a transsexual (M-F, of course) and started on hormones. I was also given written certification, plus the results of an exhaustive psychological profile that confirmed my belief that I was a woman and stating in capital letters that I am not homosexual.

I never really got started on planning my "life-year" living as a woman prior to surgery because I suddenly found I didn't want it any m e. Even my interest in cross dressing disappeared. It was the hormone therapy, of course. The hormones were supressing my libido which, I discovered, was the driving force behind my need to cross dress and be a female in that way.

I was both relieved and disappointed. I was intrigued by the idea o becoming a functional female, complete with comfortable legal identification and real breasts and hips. At the same time, I knew I'd never want a man and feared I'd wind up as an old maid or a lesbian.

This letter is getting awfully long, so I'll close now by saying that your literature alone has given me a tremendous admiration for all of you, and would be happy to offer any service I might render.

Gratefully, C.S. (NY)

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YOU'RE A TRANSSEXUAL? SO....?
(Thoughts on coping with family, friends, and the doctors; and overcoming the Rodney Dangerfield syndrome [what respect?])
by Kim Kershaw

Perhaps the most traumatic experience in a transsexual's life is the moment of truth when he/she tells the family. Frequently, this is a task that has been put off many times, being delayed not just for a few weeks or months, but for some -- many years.

(For ease of communication, I am going to refer now to the transsexual as the collective "we" rather than the cumbersome and somewhat impersonal he/she.)

As Transsexual, we grow up often not knowing exactly what's wrong, and due to many and various outside influences, were scared stiff to breathe a word about our doubts - our gender confusion to anyone. Consequently, we became introverted/shy - in a word - loners; who tended to avoid the crowd, team sports and anything to do with regular socializing. Any attempt to do so, to try to be one of the boys - or girls - usually ended in disaster and acute embarrassment, whether real or imagined, being, as a rule, overly sensitive to any minor miscue.

So we've set the stage for the big moment. We're sure of our facts, we have rehearsed over and over what we are going to say. We have decided we can't put it off any longer. In fact we've actually made an appointment with our family -- we can't back out now. What background we come from has little bearing on the reaction forthcoming as we proceed with our revelations. Reactions are many and varied but we can generally categorize as follows:

1.) Acceptance and support.

2.) Initial acceptance but coupled with delayed shock and possible, even probable rejection.

3.) Rejection, refusal to discuss.

4.) Outright rejection, belittling, followed by marching papers.

Obviously there are many various combinations of those four that can and have happened. Of course we all hope that it will be #1 in our case, but usually we fear the worst. For those of us who attempted to live a normal life, got married and had children, it became doubly difficult, because we realised eventually that we were only fooling ourselves and hurting others in the attempt.

Initially, we are seen as throwing our lives away - we have become instantaneous lepers. Suddenly there's a skeleton rattling in the family closet and the recriminations start. Let's face it, we've just given them one hell of a shock. They may have suspected something was amiss or may have been blissfully unaware. Either way, a subject usually found in the racier newspapers and magazines was right in their own homes. You bet they're in shock.

At this point in time we probably feel very relieved that finally it is out in the open. Then, depending on what kind of relationship we have with the family we might find ourselves in

the middle of an embarrassing silence or everyone talking at once, or, God forbid, out in the street with a suitcase. Probably we all have our own stories, experiences, but our reaction to all this must surely be that there has to be a better way. How can we avoid or at least minimise the shock and the reaction?

This is a question that I have put to myself over and over again, having gone through the same trauma twice. If I had the chance to do it over again how would I go about it? For those battling with the question now, I have to say you have the benefit of a lot more fairly readily available information now than say ten years ago. Also because of well publicized cases of recent years, Jan Morris and Dr. Rene Richards being prime examples -- transsexualism is more familiar to the general public. But a lot of people lump it with homosexuality, which to many is still a taboo subject. So what do I recommend? Education -- gradual education -- and a lot more courage on our own part to search out and talk about the subject, particularly with the family doctor. He/she is a lot less likely today to show you the door than ten years ago, and can be a tremendous help in breaking the news to the family.

For our own good health we must learn to confide in one another. To keep it totally under wraps is to build up a high level of stress, anxiety, pre-occupation with the "problem" which can only have a detrimental effect on our work, whether we have a job or are still going to school / university etc.

Parents / other family members and friends should also be credited with having some form of intelligence. They will notice unusual behavior patterns. If you are experimenting with cross-dressing, cosmetics, hairstyles, etc., trying to hide that takes a lot of ingenuity and is not without slip-ups. This is where the FTM TSs have a distinct advantage of MTF TSs! From personal experience I know it is difficult to hide everything successfully. I only recently discovered my parents knew something of my problem when I finally discussed it with them. They had known for fifteen years and not said a word.

I suppose what I am saying now is that it is a lot easier to discuss transsexualism now that ten or twenty years ago. Books written by transsexuals are available (larger bookstores, libraries). Newpaper articles appear fairly frequently (the factual kind not sensationalist), and discussions are seen or heard on T.V. or radio, -- almost unheard of ten years ago. Also people in general are more tolerant of the unusual today, although the generation now 50-55 years of age still find it difficult to accept as a rule. I must add there are always exceptions to the rule!

One word of warning regarding the family doctor. Find out whether he/she knows anything about transsexualism. There are still some around who, through ignorance, or their own "moral" outlook, regard it as a taboo subject, usually, still liking it with homosexuality. Generally, look for older practitioners to have this reaction.

This brings me to another way of easing the tension. Faith. For the first 35 years of my life I had no faith - in myself - in others, and certainly no faith in God. Faith and confidence go hand in hand. Most people usually have something they can do really well, something they can accomplish easily, with confidence. Take a look at yourself. List your achievements, all your good points. Forget the negative. I used to be overcritical of myself. Consequently I always remembered the failures. Now I remember my achievements and forget the failures. god gave me faith in myself after he dragged me from the brink of suicide. Since that time nearly 5 years ago I have never looked back! I look forward to what I can do today not back at what went wrong yesterday. The minute you start thinking of yourself as a unique person, not whether you are male or female, but whether you are living your life effectively and with reason, you will be over that important first hurdle to self-respect. We must be our own best friend. As we begin to widen our circle of confidants, that variety of reactions that were mentioned earlier is going to really test us. We are going to be hurt, but we must learn to accept the snide remarks, the taunts, the snubs, from people we thought were our friends. Truly, this process will enlighten us as to just

who our true friends are. We must expect to lose some but on the whole they will keep this information confidential.

In deciding to talk to a certain person, we have already decided we can trust them to keep a "secret". We have to learn to accept remarks made in jest. That will be inevitable. In the early stages of going public we tend to bve very sensitive to any related remarks often misconstruing what was meant. We have to grow a thick skin and develop our sense of humor accordingly. In any relationship, whether family or friends, the learning process, the development of the relationship must be a two-way street. After a revalation of such proportion as our transsexualism, the major burden must fall on us to show our family and friends that we value their companionship, we are people just like them, that in confiding in them, we are saying "I trust you, please help me". This is not the time for over-reaction or any form of histrionics on our part. We must be calm and rational no matter how up-tight we may feel inside. We must tell the truth - no embellishments and, just as important, no omissions. Trust is the key word. Just as we have decided we can trust our new confidant, we must show we ourselves can be trusted. Progress will be achieved a lot quicker, if that trust can be established and maintained. This applies not just with family and friends, but doubly with the professionals who are or will be responsible for our treatment.

So we are building up our faith, our self respect, we are learning to trust others. This, to our surprise, is changing our own behavior patterns. We are calmer, less likely to lose our tempers, more outgoing, learning to stand up for our rights. We've discovered that we don't have to tolerate being pushed around all the time. We learned to voice our own opinions. In short we are more confident. Now here comes the hard part. We have to control our new found strengths. Just because we've successfully negotiated the first few hurdles - we've still got a roof over our heads, and our family and few friends have shown initial support - we cannot now demand special treatment. We must not misuse our relationships. We have to gain their respect. They will be watching us very closely - we are on probation.

This is our first big test. A useful tool at this stage is to have them read Susan Huxford's booklet "On Accepting the Unacceptable" and try to have a question and answer session afterwards. Once again don't push them if they are reluctant - be patient. Lack of patience in transsexuals is the major roadblock to continued successful treatment.

The road to re-assignment is both long and slow, rather like a car rally. We are given directions to the first checkpoint and a time to reach it. First we have to follow the directions to reach the checkpoint, but if we get there early we are penalised and made to wait before being allowed to proceed to the next checkpoint. We have to find that checkpoint to be able to continue. And so it is with us. Initially; we see the referral to the gender clinic as being the start toward fullfillment of our dreams. Many of us get a rude shock after going through the assessment program. It is at this time that we have to control ourselves, learn to be patient and follow instructions to the letter. We have to remember that "they" (the gender clinic and the consultants) know a lot more than we do. They usually like to have family and friends involved in the assessment and subsequent follow-up, so it is very important to be totally honest all the time. If we are, we win the trust and respect of all concerned and the direction to the next checkpoint.

There is a passage in the Bible that I want to share with you. It is from Mark, Chapter 11 verse 24. Jesus says "For this reason I tell you; when you pray and ask for something, believe that you have received it, and you will be given whatever you ask for". It took some time before my faith in God and in myself was strong enough to truly believe that, but now I can, and do you know what? All self doubt has gone. I believe in myself as a person. I am at peace with myself, and God has given me the patience to wait for my prayers to be answered, because I know they will.

The other accomplishment due to my

new found faith, is the confidence He has given me to be effective in my work and to be able to mix well socially, something I couldn't do before. This has led to an unexpected bonus. I have realised I now have the respect of my peers and my family. I can honestly say I have gained back my self-respect. So you see the chain reaction happening - Faith, trust, belief, confidence, respect.

In talking about family / friend reaction to transsexualism I have, of necessity, drawn heavily on my own experiences.

Family and friends still may not agree or understand fully why we are compelled to seek the physical change that we do, but having their respect goes a long way toward finally winning their support.

I pray that what I have written will bring some comfort and fresh hope to those who are now facing this difficult task. I shall leave you with this quotation which can be used also as a prayer.

Help me concentrate on just today so that at the end of this day I'll know that I did all I could as fairly, wisely and effectively as I could.

- END -

TERRI'S THOUGHTS - AN EDITORIAL

"WOMEN ARE ALL FEMALE IMPERSONATORS TO SOME DEGREE"

It was a delightful feminine evening at home devoted to me. I had shaved my legs, polished my toenails, washed some lingerie and then settled down in a comfortable chair to do some reading. I was content and happy as I paged through TIME magazine. The "Sexes" department had an article about Susan Brownmiller and her new book "Femininity".

Ms. Brownmiller is a feminist, a devoted feminist as evidenced by the hair in her armpits and on her legs! Her attack on femininity included the above quote. "Women are all female

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impersonators to some degree." Were we being criticized or praised?

Were we being held up as the epitome of femininity by Ms. Brownmiller? The fact is that most of us emulate the feminine and glamourous female, who is not every woman. Women are so free that their style can range from glamourous to almost masculine without any problems with society. We all know women whose only cosmetic is lipstick, women who haven't worn a dress in years, women who haven't an ounce of style in their being but they are not considered not to be female, and not deviates. Rather, it is the freedom of being female to pick the style that best suits you.

Ms. Brownmiller, hairy armpits and all, naturally attacks femininity, and the subservant role acceptance of it forces upon women in society. Since I am as far away from Ms. Brownmiller's point of view as she is from mine, I think I can say that she is wrong, and lacks any understanding of what femininity is and its many advantages that outweigh the disadvantages. She feels that women are forced by evil forces to use cosmetics, act in a feminine manner and style, adopt submissive attitudes until they are female impersonators. Sorry, Ms. Brownmiller, I feel that women do such things because they enjoy it, just as you and I do.

I don't know what percentage of the female population falls into the glamourous, stylish, attractively dressed group but I do know that most of us emulate that group. If like them, we could be females every day we also would probably take a break from glamour now and then just as they do. However, since our time as women is so short, you rarely find us in sloppysweatshirts, old jeans and sans makeup. However, just like the women we emulate, we enjoy the wonderful feminine feeling of being attractively dressed and the resulting attention and admiration that we attract.

Despite Ms. Brownmiller's assertions, glamourous women will continue to enjoy being feminine and the rituals of femininity. Just as you and I will happily continue these same rituals with an added incentive, the knowledge that we are the epitome of femininity for the American female. Thank you Ms. Brownmiller and anytime you'd like to borrow my Lady Schick, just ask.

- END -

HAPPILY ANDROGYNOUS

by Jessica Dahl

When I was young, naive and small, I knew I wasn't a boy at all. I tried really hard to be what they expected, but the feelings inside could not be neglected. I didn't like ball, did not want to fight, if I were a girl that would be all right. I knew in my heart that it was a mistake, and prayed that I'd change before I'd awake. Then I found clothes let the girl out inside, at last I could see her, at least in my eyes! My dressing it soon became an obsession, but then there were times I'd go into regression. The sorrow the pain, the crying the tears, it just seemed like life was really unfair.

Then I met a girl and made her my wife and thought, thank God its the end of my crossdressing life. Time had passed by and I found I was wrong, the feelings inside, they weren't really gone. So onto the couch at least two times a week, where am I going, what do I seek? I thought it was time to change once and for all and considered my life from the time I was small. I worked really hard to be mostly a man, although I knew from the start that wasn't the plan. My wife she supporte me, stayed by my side, and all of her fears, she kept them inside. I knew if I changed that she couldn't stay, but she wanted me happy, she loves me that way!

Of all the feelings I ever have felt the one that's the greatest in spite of myself, is the love of my wife without any doubt. She married a person with feelings inside, and helped to release them, from her they won't hide. So now all my feelings they can coincide, an androgynous person I happily reside. And if I could change things and start all again, an androgynous person I'd proudly remain! - END -

FREE TO BE ME
by Linda Johnston

There is a girl who lives inside of me who keeps on begging to be free. When I was young she used to cry out but in confusion with a sigh, I would say, please, be quiet, go away!" Yet she begged day after day, "I want to be free."

Then as I grew, I somehow knew that on some future day, that little girl would have her way. Slowly she started to come out for a quick, shy, look, then would run and hide inside of me, and safe again, she would beg "to be set free."

As I grew, she also grew and throughout the years we lived and felt the same fears. I would wonder then, "how could this be, to have this woman inside of me who wants so much to be free and dress and live in style with beautiful things." All the while I was a man in a man's world, "How could I also be a girl?" "What twist of fate created me where neither man nor woman could be free?"

After many years of searching and asking, "Who am I and why?" I have finally realized, "There are not two people inside, there is just she and she is I," so I named her 'Linda' and dressed her well, even my mirror couldn't tell.

As she learned to use her female charm, she became beautiful and warm. To free her is to free me because she is I. I have reached the day when I can honestly and truly say, "I'm glad Linda finally had her way."

- END -

METAMORPHOSIS
by Rupert Raj

There are several kinds of metamorphosis:
Kafka's turning into an insect
The butterfly emerging from the chrysalis
And, the transsexual changing sex.

This latter sexual transformation
is, to me, by far, the most dramatic
and causes the greatest news sensation
But, it can also be quite traumatic.

For, family and friends maynot comprehend
And employers and others may discriminate
And a TS may feel quite without a friend
For, sometimes love is overshadowed by hate.

Two years, at least, the transsexual transition
(A period of pain and pleasure
This so-trying time of rehabilitation)
Is the test of success or failure.

But, it's worth it, in the final analysis
(Despite the loneliness and stigmatization)
So, blossom forth from your restrictive chrysalis
And express your true gender identification.

- END -

OPINION CONCERNING HELPING PROFESSIONALS

Dear Editor:

In the last two months I have come to realize how little is known about cross-dressing by people who, for whatever reason, become aware of it. Specifically, I speak of the general public, the so-called man in the street, but more directly about the helping professionals whose concern is mental health - the counselors, therapists, physicians, psychologists, and psychiatrists. Here is not the place to address the man in the street. That person would probably never see your magazine 'the Tapestry'. However, after much thought, I have decided that the most expedient and lasting way for me to reach the helping professionals is through the Tapestry - hence, this letter.

Who am I? "Who" is not important, but, for those folks who must have credentials, I am a cross-dresser, a Tiffany Club Keyholder, 39 years and a few (37) months old, happily married and a father of three, an electronics

engineer, and summarily, a really nice guy.

Now that (I hope) I am accredited, here is my concern: I have formed the opinion that the helping professional is, generally speaking, un-informed, or worse, ill-informed, about the cross-dressing phenomenon. I fully realize that statement is heavy duty - industrial strength, and demands substantiation.

How did I reach that conclusion? It came about by my having the opportunity to talk to several professionals in a very short period of time in places that satisfied me that they were representative of the whole.

First, in early June '84, I attended the Tiffany Club Provincetown Outing. I spoke at length with two women who identified themselves as psychologists, and in P-town on vacation. Both women were curious about what they were seeing all over town (we were present 100+ strong) and they contacted one of us for more information. I and others spoke with them at length (over six hours) about cross-dressing, transvestism, transsexualism, gay/lesbian relationships, and homosexuality. I was impressed with the fact that they were knowledgeable professionally about all of the above, except cross-dressing. They thought it was a derivative of one of the above. It is not. It is an entity upon itself. We departed company late that day, after dinner, they with a better understanding of I, and of cross-dressing, and me a little curious about what I thought I had just witnessed.

Exactly one week later, I was a 'visual-aid' at the AASECT/SSSS convention in Boston. Actually, I was manning (person-ing?) the Tiffany Club/Outreach Institute display area, where the Club made available literature, information, books and pamphlets, and me, a 'visual-aid'.

During the day I spoke to thirteen conventioneers, from several different disciplines, from all over the country. (Interestingly, twelve of the thirteen were women, but that is another story.) Their questions were generally quite direct, as were the answers provided, and they all left with a handful of literature and, I sincerely hope, a better understanding of cross-dressing and cross-dressers. However, I left very troubled.....

In a one week period, I had met fifteen professionals in the mental health field, and while a few knew the terminology, none had more than a very basic knowledge about why a person would want to (need to) wear the clothes of the opposite gender. Personally, I am extremely fortunate. I have an understanding, sharing, considerate wife. I have Tiffany and all of its fine people, and (I think) all of my oars in the water. But, if the fifteen people I had met are representative of the counseling services available nation-wide in Dayton, Des Moines, and Duluth, I fear that people seeking help because they feel that they are sick, abnormal, desperate, confused, or alone may be done a serious dis-service, and potentially harmed, if the person(s) they ask for help cannot provide that help or worse, gives them erroneous information. Some of the questions asked, and also some of the statements made, particularly at the convention, tells me this possibility of harm-done is very real and very possible.

I brought up my concern recently to the Executive Director of FACT (Federation of American and Canadian Transsexuals) and it was stated to me that my concern is very real based upon their experiences with their group.

In closing, I have one more thought I think worthy of evaluation by the professional community. Society is concerned about the suicides among teenage persons and the cause for it, be it an unhappy home, drugs, or alcohol. I wonder what percentage of teen suicides are people unable to deal with their evolving sexuality; they think they may be gay, sexually misassigned, the wrong gender. Who do these people talk to - certainly not Mom and Pop, or their best friend, nor school guidance or their clergy. My best guess is they will call a hotline. What else may be done to help these people? To look back a little further, how many of these people never even get so far as to be able to decide they have a problem.....

Sincerely,
Stephanie Chandler

EDITORIAL OPINION

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WHAT IS A WOMAN?
An Editorial

Now there's a question which has burned on the mind of mankind since the dawn of time immemorium. Or has it? I don't really imagine Og the Caveman had any trouble deciding what a woman was, nor did/does my father or yours. I know I don't - well, at least I didn't until March 13th, 1984.

As a youngster anyone not looking or acting like a "guy" was a girl. As I grew to adulthood I had to re-evaluate my method of definition since it became apparent that some people not looking and/or acting like men were, in all actuality, men if one defines sex by genitalia. So, some people not looking or acting like a man had to be labeled "man" and some women not looking or acting like a woman had to be labeled "woman".

Now, in my middle years at long last, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) of the US Government has solved my dilemma by

More specifically, each person has both masculine and feminine elements of his or her personality, and this culture does not offer nearly enough leeway for expressing them fully. That is not to say there has not been progress. The feminist movement has gained acceptability for assertiveness in women and for some increase in emotional expressiveness in men - it is even OK for men to cry now and then - but the notion of how real men are supposed to behave is still pretty rigid.

Iroanically, while women have been victims of gender inequalities in the workplace, men have faced comparable inequalities with regard to self-expression. Women who are discriminated against can speak out, demanding change - I have done that myself. Men who face a much subtler form of discrimination are not wholly free even to talk about it. The man who wants to examine feminine feelings from the inside, by assuming a female role on occasion, stays in the closet for fear of ridicule or worse.

One's identity as male or female goes right to the core of each person's feelings about self. When masculinity or femininity is threatened, a person feels incomplete, unacceptable.

Loss of body parts or social roles identified with sexuality have powerful emotional impact: The woman who undergoes hysterectomy or mastectomy and the man who finds himself impotent often see themselves as something less than whole persons. Even symbolic losses of male or female roles - the empty nest syndrome for women or the loss of breadwinner status for the man - can be devastating to one's sense of self-worth.

It is small wonder, then, that men feel uneasy about an impulse to explore feminine elements in their emotional makeup.

Clothes, despite variations in fashion in different parts of the world or different periods of history, are an important element in gender identity, especially for men. Women can wear pantsuits, even with vests and neckties, in a variety of social settings. But if a man wears a skirt, it had better be plaid and he had better be playing bagpipes.

It is therapeutic for people to explore all aspects of their own personalities in a non-threatening atmosphere. It adds an extra dimension to understanding of self and deepens the capacity for empathy. Developing a capacity to understand and be comfortable with one's whole self is the basic goal of any psychotherapy.

That is why I will be on the scene, using the skills I picked up while defining exactly what a woman is.

According to an article appearing the the March 13, 1984 Chicago Sun-Times, It seems that Patricia Michelle Castaneda, who underwent reassignment surgery in 1977 is not considered by the INS to be a woman.

What brought this to the attention of the INS is that in November 1982 Patricia filed a petition with the INS to certify her husband (an alien she married in 1980) an "immediate family relative" as a way to guarantee him US citizenship. Well, the wheels of

bureaucracy grind even more slowly than do those of Justice and apparently some bureaucrats do have a sense of humor, because on February 14th, 1984 Mrs. Castaneda received a Valentine's letter from the INS stating not only was she not married (wonder what the State of Illinois thinks of that?), but that she "was not and is not a woman having the capability to marry a man," and that the INS regards her reassignment surgery as "nothing more than cosmetic."

To insure Mrs. Castaneda understood their reasoning the INS clarified their definition of what a woman is, to wit: "an adult female able to bear children."

Now that we all understand exactly what a woman is perhaps the Federal Government will tell all the adult females unable, because of medical intervention (i.e. hysterectomy, D&C, etc) and Nature, to bear children just what they should be labeled.

In light of this historic, new definiton can the National Organization of Women allow adult female persons not able to bear children to continue their membership in that organization?

Perhaps I should write the INS and ask them what I should now label my mother, who at age 79 is no longer able to bear children, or my daughter-in-law, at age 33 and unable to bear children.

To please the INS is some scientist somewhere going to have to coin a new word with which to label the "adult female unable to bear children"? A challenge for another scientific clod like the one who coined the label "gender dysphoria" perhaps?

Mrs. Castenda has filed a suit in the US Seventh District Court to resolve this matter and we can only hope that enlightened legal minds will, like the one(s) recently ruling in the Karen Ulane case, prevail.

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Feature Article

(** Note: The following article 'TV Relationships' [a name given to the article by the Editor] is a speech/report done by Psychologist Leah C. Schaefer, Ph.D., for 'Confide'. The article deals with relationships of the TV, and gives some consideration to the spouse/friend of the the TV. It is an excellent article that can be used to open lines of communication for a TV. - ED)

TV RELATIONSHIPS
by Leah C. Schaefer

First I would like to tell you a little about myself. I have been in the field of transvestism and transsexualism for only a few years, although I have been in the field of psychology for many. And before I was a psychologist, I was for many years, a singer of jazz and folk music. But throughout my life, no matter what profession I was in, I have always been filled with curiosity and desire to understand all aspects of the field of human sexuality and its effects on individual human beings, and especially its effect on human relationships. I am most interested in why people do what they do, and most especially why they do what they do with each other.

In the early 1960s I did a pioneer study in the field of WOMEN AND SEX, for a doctoral degree at Columbia University. This was completed in 1964, and my whole career has subsequently been affected by that research. Several years ago, when Dr. Wardell Pomeroy was preparing to move from New York, I was privileged to study and participate with him in the evaluation of transsexuals and transvestites. I considered his teaching me both an honor, and a wonderful opportunity to learn more about this unique aspect of human sexual orientation.

I now not only do evaluations but also counseling with transvestites and transsexuals, and oftentimes with their families.

Most of my practice is general psychotherapy, indivdual and in groups. I also write for Sexology Magazine, and I am a supervisor at Community Sex Information.

So, since relationships are what is most important to me, I will address the relationships between transvestites and their mates, although I will also comment on some features of the transsexual's ;wife I will mainly address myself to TVs. Let me first mention some unique characteristics of the transvestite himself, as I have observed him.

Although in the case of the transsexual, the onset of feeling is almost always found in early childhood, with the transvestite, the desire to crossdress and appear feminine most often occurs about the time of puberty. Witha the transvestite, heterosexual experience is consistent and not rejected, while homosexual contact appears to be low or non-existent. Erotic stimulation, including masturbation are strongly affected by the various acts of dressing and making up in the case of the transvestite. There is much evidence of strong partner-wife-girlfriend relationships and there are financial and career successes frequently occurring. There is frequently the history of maintenance of family structure and career fulfillment. I have found that transvestites sometimes respond to low doses of female hormones to lessen what to some may be an ungovernable and compulsive need to "dress". As a rule, there is no desire for loss of male genitalia, although the transvestite may flirt with the idea of breast enlargement through hormones, sometimes even to the point of augmentation mammopasty. There is a quality of narcissism - a different type of self-absorption in that it is less intense that the drive and direction of the true transsexual.

As I see it, there is a special dynamic which prevails in the TV syndrome: the anxiety with being in the male role constantly, the competition in the market place. There is a need to find some respite, and this respite, this relief is found in dressing. True, this pressure for success, competion and making money is felt by most men in our society. But why do some choose the transvestite route for relief and

defense?

Dr. Benjamin says, that we are not really sure. In his masterful work, THE TRANSSEXUAL PHENOMENON, he states:

"Transvestism has been known throught history and is not confined to any race or racial groups, nor to any stratum of society . . . It appears to develop in families ranging from the apparently well-balanced emotionally and financially secure to the insecure, impoverished, or broken families. Neither economic, social, marital, family status, nor type of career can be pointed to as being particularly conducive to the development of transvestism."

I have noticed another particular in the interviews I have done with transvestites -- I can't say positively that this is a pattern, and it may indeed be a coincidence of the people I have interviewed, but of those I have known -- to a person -- that they all had very austere, usually very demanding, severe fathers ------ fathers who were volatile -- sometimes violent, quick and high tempered. The potential TV either despised the identification with this awesome father symbol, or felt no ability/capacity to interject his image, as young males are wont to do with their fathers.

The varied responses of some transvestites' wives or girl-friends range from acceptance of the transvestite's dressing, often accompanying him on shopping trips and helping him with his make up and so forth -- to the wife who is tolerant of it so long as she doesn't have to participate, or look at him, to the final extreme of the wife who is completely resentful and angry of her mate's dressing, at the amount of money he spends on his habit. (Her perception is that his dressing takes something from her -- whether it is to deprive her of his masculinity or his masculine image or money or time or whatever.) I have had experience with wives who represented all these categories and the majority fell somewhere in the middle.

Let me give you an example of the first category: the accepting wife - the wife of a particular man I have counselled with -- we'll call him Leonard. I want to use him as an example because there are many facets/-traits about him which are quite typical (in this most untypical area of human adjustment). And there are certain aspects which are unique to him -- as with all people everywhere.

The man came to me and Dr. Pomeroy for an evaluation, assuming he was transsexual. He was not. He was both relieved and upset at the conclusion of our evaluation. Howevewr, he felt he would like to work with me in therapy which we proceeded to do. Ours has been a somewhat stormy relationship -- as is his relationship with his wife. He is a rather nice looking dark complexioned man, somewhat short in stature for a male. He works at a very high-powered job and is quite successful at it, but he feels the pressures of his work inordinately. His wife is very accepting of his "dressing", and in fact, encourages him to dress even more often than he chooses to do. She is willing to help him with his hair, make up and so forth and while he is appreciative of this most of the time, he also will not let himself have the relief of it very often. He claims he has no privacy, there is no time and so forth and so forth. Not giving himself this relief, he in turn will focus all his demands on his wife. He wants her to be his "ideal woman, his perfect other self," and he is furious at her when she isn't. He criticizes her and adores her all at once, as he does himself. It was my feeling that if he allowed himself to dress more often, he might be less demanding of her and himself. But he is usually too masochistic and guilt-ridden to do this. It is of interest to understand Lillian, his wife. She is an attractive, soft-spoken woman who thinks she is very possibly a lesbian although she has never had any homosexual relationships. But her fantasy is that it would be more tolerable to her to live with a feminized "husband" - probably - than the angry, demanding male husband that she lives with now.

At the other extreme, I would like to share with you an experience I once had. A man came to see me, having read my name in a magazine article. He did not say over the phone what it was he wanted to talk with me about but when we sat down in my office, his first announcement was, "Dr. Schaefer, I am a transvestite." He in fact looked like a movie version of a British bank clerk, mustache, slightly balding, medium height, neatly dressed in an attractive

dark business suit, white shirt, tie. He confessed he was wearing women's underclothing underneath his business suit, which if you could have seen this man, was a most extreme juxtaposition. But nevertheless. He told me his life story and stated that his wife will no longer have sexual relations with him and was chronically furious with him and dead set against him dressing. He had been transvestic since his early teens - and when he and his wife married in their late 20s, both were virgins. He told his wife of his TV right from the start and she was most accepting of it. In fact, like the previous wife I mentioned to you, was most cooperative with him. (Incidentally, he is mainly an "under" dresser, nylon under clothing and silk and nylon night gowns, all of which his wife had been amenable to. They subsequently had a male child who was at this point about 11 years of age. The wife now states that she is concerned that the son may see him dressed and this would be "terrible," and her other concern is "what if he should have an accident and land in the hospital with everyone seeing his female undergarments." Actually, it was my feeling that neither of these were her main concerns. He had developed an illness at some point and would not or could not have sex with her for several years. That over the years by turning inward more and more, he had interjected into himself his male and female sides and had become an independent entity, independent of her. That over the years, his dressing became more important than his relationship with her, his wife. And this is the real complaint of many TV mates -- that she herself is not a true partner with him in his habit.

The effect he had on me (and this was the only appointment we ever had) -- was very interesting. I had the feeling that I made no difference to him whatsoever. That he was telling a story which he could have talked into a tape recording, or any other place he might have an audience. I did not feel he needed anything from me -- even advice; nor could he even acknowledge my presence any eye contact or using the kind of statements someone will make under such circumstances: "I hope you can help me -- you're the only one I can talk to" and so forth. All those things that might give the listener some recognition of the meaning of their presence. I pointed out to this man that he came to our appointment not presenting the problem as his problem but ostensibly as his wife's problem: "Why can't my wife accept me? What's wrong with her?" I commented on him near the end that if his wife felt as unacknowledged as I did, I could well understand why se felt so uncooperative. this kind of man finally does not need a nurturing wife -- he instead becomes his own nurturing wife. The TV defense system is often so tight that the TV will often rather divorce his real wife rather than give up his "internal wife."

Let's talk a bit about the married transsexual male. The range of rsponses on the part of his wife is quite dramatic. some rare women, usually those involved in an older marriage, seem to be able to maintain a sort of family relationship, encouraging the TS to seek treatment, including hormonal and surgical, helping him to learn to walk, dress, make up and BE a woman, helping the children, if any, to understand that their former father has not taken these drastic steps because he has stopped loving them, but that it now time for him to "be himself," and that he will always be available to them for guidance and financial help.

Other wives are willing to live together, during and after medical and surgical intervention, as "sisters," making a reasonably compatible relationship apparent, with much support for the transsexual partner, and a feeling of not having been deserted, of having "company" in later years, for the wife. In some instances, they have gone into business together!

Still others want nothing whatsoever to do with the transsexual, and will take any and all means to put him out of their lives and prevent the transsexual from ever having any contact with the children, if any. These wives worry desperately about "what the neighbors will say --" and what effect the sight of a "dressed" former father would have on these children -- even if there might be some hereditary predisposition.

Some wives are bound against their wills, at least for a time, to transsexual mates, usually older women with children to support, and with no money or educational or career oppor-

tunities. These must be the saddest of cases.

I recall quite vividly the case of a wife who was willing to let her husband progress all the way to surgery if he would first give her one more child (he did so, but not, of course, under the influence of any female hormonal treatment) and she is helping him toward the complete change.

What can be done about improving these relationships?

What can be done so that the TV can continue to find the relief and satisfaction that he requires and at the same time, that his wife or partner need not feel excluded and angry -- so angry that she won't cooperate with him or worse yet, will leave him entirely? Is it possible to be more conscious of the partner's needs? And -- just as the TV wants his mate to accept him as he is -- habits and all -- is it not possible for the TV to learn to accept his wife as she is, with her need to be someone meaningful to him? I realize that this is a very difficult question I am putting to you since there is a kind of built-in narcissism in the TV defense system, one which makes it difficult to let yourself think of others.

And yet -- when all is said and done -- it's really lonely by yourself, is it not? No matter how many times you look in the mirror -- no matter how many admiring glances you get in the street -- no matter how effectively the TV competes with women to be more glamorous, more feminine -- when you get into your bed at night, you're alone.

I realize that there are people who do not mind being alone. In fact, some prefer it. (This is true for heterosexuals, homosexuals, as well as TVs and other sexual variations). But I suppose I am not addressing myself in this paper to those who choose to be alone. By the very nature of this topic, I am addressing those of you who have had partners, do have partners, or would like to have partners in the future. Therefore, I know this issue is of interest even to the single people in this audience, because, after all, even if any of you really preferred to be alone, would you have come to this meeting? All you would need is a mirror and a good light. However, I don't believe that most human beings prefer always to be alone. what I am talking about is how to improve our relationships and although I have addressed myself to the TV and his wife, I am sure we could talk about relationships of any combination and perhaps the points I have suggested here would still hold true for all of us.

Because this is really rather an exotic population, I do feel that I may sometimes go off the track, even in my counselling. I find myself forgetting that TVs and TSs are really just people, with an unusual sex or gender orientation, and in our daily lives, we must all deal with the same relationship problems, the problems of giving and getting, caring and being cared for, and ultimately feeling meaningful to one another, for each of us to feel that our presence really makes a difference to somebody somewhere.

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Feature Article

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(*** INTRODUCTION: The following article, 'Definitions', first appeared in Tapestry Issue 39. The response was so positive, almost overwhelming, and seemed to do so much good that we decided to publish the article annually. Also by publishing the article annually it allows us to 'keep up to date' with the recent changes.

'Definitions' is a sticky topic. No one can seem to agree on what anything means. The best we can hope for is to understand what the user means when he/she uses a term, and to understand the current popular usage for a term. What is very important is that people respond to this article. We need responses from professional persons for they are the ones who write the books, treat the patients, and generally have the most impact on how a term is used. We need responses from laypersons for they are the ones who most often use the terms in conversation, and most importantly, identify with the terms. Please! Respond! Your thoughts are important! -MSL)

DEFINITIONS

by Merissa Sherrill Lynn

Before I start, let me say I am not a big believer in categories. The definitions of categories seem to be a matter of popular opinion, always in a state of flux, constantly changing, old categories dying or being re-defined, and new categories being born. It may be useful for the 'helping professional' to use categories to define people, but if people use categories to define themselves the results are often tragic. Categories define phenomena, not people, yet people constantly, if not desperately, search for a category with which to identify. People in search of an identity are often lost, and terribly confused. These unhappy souls grope in a categorical limbo, an 'identity' twilight zone with no real answers. Then, if they do pick a category with which to identify, they tend to structure what they think, what they say, and what they do according to what they think they are supposed to think, say, or do in order to 'be' the category with which they have chosen to identify. They are more lost than ever.

There is a great deal of work to be done, both for the person in search of an identity and a way to 'be' in the world, and for the helping professional whose job it is to help that person. The place to start is understanding the categories, how they are used, and how to use them.

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There are categories that are directly related to our subject, and categories that are indirectly related. Let's start with those categories that are indirectly related.

HELPING PROFESSIONAL: Judging from the phone calls we receive and the calls received by the professionals themselves, the prevailing opinion of 'helping professional', is somebody who will perform more intimate services. I agree, 'helping professional' is a very nice phrase for the world's oldest profession, but I don't believe that's what the people

who consider themselves 'helping professionals' mean by the term.

Helping professionals are doctors, psychologists, lawyers, educators, social workers, etc who work directly with the TV/TS Community (or if you prefer, the Paraculture, or CD/TS/AN Community), or have TVs (CDs, TGs, TSs, ANs, FPs, Drag Queens, relatives of any of the above, etc) as their clients.

BIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY: It shouldn't be necessary to define these terms. What is necessary is to understand how these terms relate to the TV/TS Community and to Helping Professionals.

Biology is a life science. It is very important to keep that in mind when talking about such things as sex/gender, male/female, man/woman, masculine/feminine, sexual preference, TV/CD/TG/TS/AN, etc. In short, it is important to know the difference between what is biological and what is psychological or sociological.

Psychology is the science of the mind, and sociology is a social science, neither of which should ever be confused with biology, and both of which are important to the TV/TS Community and Helping Professionals for the same reasons that biology is important.

Biology is concerned with our biological make-up, what our body is and how it works. Psychology and sociology are more concerned with what we think, what we say, how we feel, how we act, how we dress, how we inter-act with others, and why.

(**** As a footnote here I would like to add an opinion: Biological fact is natural fact, and no amount of chemicals, or a good surgeon's knife is going to change that fact. As far as biology is concerned, a human being is little more than a biological specimen, and not a person. Virtually everything that makes a human being a person is based in psychology and sociology. Psychology and sociology are artificial sciences, influenced perhaps, but not based on biological fact. They are actually more influenced by philosophy than biology. Language is an artificial creation, not a natural fact. Morality and ethics are artificial creations, not natural facts. Thinking is artificial, acting is artificial, being a person is artificial. In short, biological fact is real, but when it comes to people being people, not very relevant. Psychology and sociology are artificial, but when it comes to people being people, completely relevent.)

SEX and GENDER: Sex is a biological term. Gender is a psycho/sociological term.

Sex is sex; a biological fact, or a physical act. There is no such thing as sex role, only sexual function (gestation, lactation, menstruation, impregnation, XX vs XY, whether we stand or sit when we pee, etc).

Gender is much more complicated. Gender is mode of being; how we express ourselves as people, how we act, how we dress, how we feel, how we think, etc. There is no such thing as gender function, only gender role. (Who gets the blue blanket, who gets the pink, act like a man, feel like a woman, etc.)

The problem is most people do not recognize the difference between sex and gender. This tidbit of ignorance is more than a mere handicap when it comes to understanding the other definitions. It is downright dangerous, and will cause people to come to wrong conclusions nearly every time. Sex and gender may complement one another, but it is most important that people realize they are not the same thing.

GENDER DYSPHORIA and SEXUAL DYSPHORIA:

Each year these fancy terms seem to grow in popularity, especially among the helping professionals, and people who like big words. Granted, 'dysphoria' is more impressive than the word 'unhappy', but they basically mean the same thing. (Euphoria means 'happy', or sense of well being.)

Gender dysphoria/euphoria = Unhappy/happy with one's socially and culturally assigned gender role.

Sexual dysphoria/euphoria = Unhappy/happy with one's biological

make-up, or sex.

An understanding of these terms are especially important when it comes to deciding whether or not someone is a proper candidate for sexual reassignment (some people prefer 'corrective') surgery. Being unhappy with one's gender role is one thing. Being unhappy with one's sex is something completely different, and usually decides a person's identity, whether or not a person is just going to be a recreational cross-dresser, live as a transgenderist, or change sex.

These terms may be fancy, but they have a powerful relevence to people's lives. There is, however, an inherent problem: Sex is a biological fact, and cannot be changed no matter how skilled the surgeon. The best that can be hoped for is to surgically change the body to make it as compatible as possible with one's gender (not sexual) identity.

MALE and FEMALE: 'Male' and 'female' are biological terms, identified by various biological criteria such as sexual function, XX or XY chromosomes, etc.

Notice I said 'male' and 'female' are defined by biological criteria, and not by any psychological or sociological criteria. Any discussion on how a male or a female is supposed to feel, or act, or dress, is simply inappropriate. (Chromosomes don't feel, act, or dress up.)

MASCULINE and FEMININE: 'Masculine' and 'feminine' are gender terms. In Nature there is no such thing as masculinity and femininity. 'Masculinity' and 'femininity' are value judgments, words used to identify and qualify qualities of Nature. In other words, what is masculine or feminine is strictly a matter of prevailing opinion, subject to change, and not a matter of biological fact.

Those qualities of Nature that we label masculine or feminine are inherent in all things, including both males and females. The tragedy is that many people cannot accept that it is natural for males to have feminine qualities, and females to have masculine qualities. It would be very unnatural if males or females didn't have these qualities, or worse, denied it.

MAN and WOMAN: 'Man' and 'woman' are defined both in biological and psycho/sociological terms.

The biological definitions are simple: 'Man' = adult male, and 'woman' = adult female. The biological definitions of 'man' or 'woman' are sexual definitions. As I mentioned earlier, these definitions may be perfectly correct, but not very relevant. They say nothing about a person's identity, how he/she feels, or his/her lifestyle.

Psycho/sociological definitions for 'man' and 'woman' are not so simple. These definitions determine a person's identity - whether or not they perceive themselves to be a man or a woman. They also define the criterion for what constitutes a man or a woman, the dress code, the gender role, the code of conduct, what a man or woman is supposed to think, and how they are supposed to feel. The problem is, nobody can agree on the definitions. 'Society' says one thing, yet each individual that makes up that society says another. Every place that a person would look to find a role model says something different - the movies, the family, religion, the community, the media, teen idols, etc.

In short, if a person is looking for an acceptable psycho/sociological definition of what a 'man' or 'woman' is, the answer is frighteningly simple - there isn't any.

Sexual definitions of what constitute a 'man' or a 'woman' are irrelevant. The only relevant definitions for 'man' and 'woman' are psycho/sociological - yet there aren't any, none that are generally accepted anyway. The answer to this dilemma is, it is the responsibility of each individual to decide for themselves what constitutes a 'man' or a 'woman'.

Whether or not a person considers him or herself to be a 'man' or a 'woman' is a matter of personal identity, a matter of personal gender (not sexual) identity. The only valid judge as to whether or not an individual considers him or herself

to be a 'man' or a 'woman' is that individual, and the only relevant basis upon which to make that judgment is gender, and not sex.

HETEROSEXUAL, HOMOSEXUAL, BI-SEXUAL, TRI-SEXUAL, AMBI-SEXUAL, MULTI-SEXUAL, SEXUAL: These sexual categories are being mentioned in this article because of the prevailing public opinion that people who cross-dress are 'gay', and the big ado made by cross-dressers who insist they aren't. Neither is the case, and the resulting problems such as fear, guilt, rejection, etc., are pointless, counter-productive, and dangerous. People have enough problems trying to cope with cross-dressing and gender identity, without being handicapped by being identified with sexual categories. However, it is important to understand how sex relates to the cross-dressing/transsexual phenomenon.

It is less incorrect to think of people as 'multisexual'. Animals are capable of a sexual response. Human beings are animals. Being human, people are capable of abstracting or embroidering what triggers that sexual response. Human beings are capable of being sexually 'turned on' by virtually anyone, anything, anywhere, and any time. People are multisexual. It is not unnatural for a male human being to be sexually 'turned on' by seeing, touching, or wearing 'feminine' clothing, or seeing themselves wearing that clothing. All it is is one more variation of the natural human sexual condition.

I separate 'multisexual' from the other 'sexuals' because multisexual is a description of the human condition, while the other sexuals define what constitutes a sex object, fantasies, the sex act itself, or a lifestyle. With the exception of multisexual, the sexual catagories define phenomena, not people.

There is no need in this article to define 'heterosexual', 'homosexual', or 'bisexual'. Ambisexual means bisexual, and trisexual means 'will try anything sexual'. the most practical of these terms is 'trisexual', for that only describes someone who likes engaging in sex. Sex is sex, and a person who likes sex is sexual, and all other catagories are irrelevant.

Sex plays a prominent (and in some cases a dominant) role in the cross-dressing experience. The role sex plays in the cross-dressing experience is not important. What is important is someone having a prejudice against a particular sexual category, labeling a person according to that sexual category, then inflicting their personal prejudice upon that person. Cross-dressers have a terrible tendency to do this to themselves (resulting in guilt and self-hatred), to other cross-dressers (resulting in the rejection of others, the isolation from others, and the fear and hatred of others), and make themselves vulnerable to the prejudices of others (resulting in the fear of social reprisal, and withdrawal). All anyone needs to do is understand the nature of sex, and respect other people's preferences, and these pointless never-ending tragedies would come to a halt.

FETISHISM: Basically speaking, a fetish is a non-sexual object that excites an erotic response, and conversely, fetishism is the condition in which erotic feelings are excited by a non-sexual object. The cross-dressing world has a plethora of fetish items, and plenty of fetishists to enjoy them.

There are plenty of cross-dressers who are also fetishists. The problem is not in thinking that there are fetishists who are also cross-dressers, the problem is thinking that cross-dressing is a fetish. Sex is certainly a primary motivation for many people to cross-dress, but so are the non-erotic sensual rewards (such as feeling happy, feeling pretty, narcissism, etc), and emotional rewards (such as peace of mind, escapism, personal expression, etc). Those persons whose only motivation for cross-dressing is sexual are most certainly fetishists. However, the real power, the real motivating force for most people who cross-dress does not lie in its sexual rewards, it lies in the non-erotic sensual and emotional rewards.

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That finishes the discussion on the terms that are indirectly related to the TV/TS Community, now let's examine those terms that are directly related.

TV/TS COMMUNITY, CD/TS/AN COMMUNITY, and PARACULTURE:

'Transvestite/Transsexual (TV/TS) Community' includes everyone who identifies with any of the following words: 'transvestite', 'cross-dresser', 'transgender', 'transsexual', 'drag queen', 'femiphile', or 'androgyne'. It is an identifiable group of people within society as a whole.

Because of the great amounts of heartburn some people have with the word 'transvestite', there is a movement afoot to replace 'TV/TS' with 'CD/TS/AN'. Even though 'CD/-TS/AN' applies to exactly the same group of people as 'TV/TS', a number of semantics zealots seem to think some great problem will be solved. Who knows - if enough people figure out what 'CD' and 'AN' mean, they may be right. Of course, if 'CD' means the act of cross-dressing and includes anyone who cross-dresses for whatever reasons, then 'TS' and 'AN' would be redundant. Then again, if 'CD' alone is unacceptable, and 'CD/TS/AN' is better than 'TV/TS', wouldn't 'TV/CD/TG/TS/DQ/FP/AN' be better still? Personally, I think 'TV/TS Community' is sufficient.

The revolt against the word 'transvestite' has increased the popularity of the word 'paraculture'. 'Para-' means 'beside', or 'along side of', implying that 'paraculture' is another culture, parallel to or along side of culture - a culture within a culture.

Most people who use the word 'paraculture', use it to replace 'TV/TS Community'. Other people use it to describe not only the TV/TS Community, but the TV/TS Community as it spills out into society as a whole, engulfing helping professionals, commercial services, and persons directly affected by the Community.

(**** Footnote: I believe the word 'paraculture' creates more problems than it solves. Very few people know what the word is intended to mean, or how to use it. Most listeners will simply take the word out of context and make up their own definitions. The word is inevitably misunderstood or in need of additional explanation. Some people, myself included, find the word pompous, offensive, and unnecessary.)

TRANSVESTITE (TV): 'Transvestite' is used to describe a person who wears clothing usually considered appropriate for the opposite sex. Unfortunately the word takes on a clinical guise, implying compulsive or sexual behavior, as though it were a disease or perversion. (it is neither a disease nor a perversion.) To make matters worse, most dictionaries still define transvestism as a manifestation of homosexuality. (That's wrong!!!! In fact, the ratio of heterosexuality is higher among people who cross-dress than it is among the population in general.) 'Trans-vest' means nothing more than 'cross-dress'. It is in itself an innocent term, but it is very easy to understand why so many people who cross-dress (myself included) do not want to be identified with that word.

The initials 'TV' for some reason do not carry the same negative connotations the word 'transvestite' does. Many people (myself included) who absolutely abhor the word 'transvestite', have no qualms whatever with being called a 'TV', or being identified with the 'TV/TS' Community'. Also, the initials 'TV' are convenient to use, and readily identifiable.

CROSS-DRESSER (CD): 'Cross-dresser' is used to describe a person who wears clothing usually considered appropriate for the opposite sex. The only difference between 'cross--dresser' and 'transvestite' is that 'transvestite' implies a psychological condition (compulsion), while 'cross-dresser' implies voluntary behavior. Most people who cross-dress (myself included) would rather be identified with the word 'cross--

dresser' than 'transvestite'.

"Are you a transvestite?"

"ABSOLUTELY NOT!!! I just like to wear dresses."

Besides being an easy term with which to be identified, it also has the advantage of being vague. Since 'cross-dressing' is an activity, it includes everybody who cross-dresses for whatever reasons, and says nothing whatever about anybody. It's so vague and so meaningless it's perfectly useful. One can bandy the term about with absolute impunity, without hurting anyone's feelings or endangering anyone's identity.

It's a wonderful term - - so non-controversial, and so safe! It's also a little boring, but what's a little boredom compared to safety?

DRAG, DRAG QUEEN, STREET QUEEN, FEMALE IMPERSONATOR/IMPRESSIONIST: Rumor has it that the term 'drag' was coined by Shakespeare. In Shakespeare's day the female roles in a play were performed by men, and 'drag' was an acronym meaning dressed as a girl. The term was a theatrical term then, and is predominantly a theatrical term now, and implies a theatrical, showy, camp, exotic, or high glamour image.

Being 'in drag' is like being 'in costume'. It implies nothing about a person's sexual preference or inclination towards cross-dressing. (That is an important safety valve for those people who take their cross-dressing seriously, but don't want anyone to know they take their cross-dressing seriously.)

'Drag': Cross-dressed, usually in glamourous, or campy, or exotic, or erotic attire.

'Drag queen': Usually a cross--dresser that prefers the drag image. Also, the term 'drag queen' is usually identified with the Gay Community.

'Street queen': Usually a drag queen that also hustles - a prostitute.

'Female impersonator/impressionist': Usually a professional entertainer that performs 'in drag'. Impersonators are also associated with 'drag queen', so many entertainers prefer the term 'impressionist' in an attempt to disassociate themselves from the 'drag queen' image, and to add some dignity to their profession.

There was a time when 'drag' and 'cross-dressing' meant virtually the same thing. However, since most cross-dressers do not consider themselves to be in costume, are not gay, and certainly not hookers .....

TRANSGENDER (TG): It used to be that a 'transgenderist' was a person who could express him or herself comfortably in both masculine and feminine terms. It did not carry the compulsive or sexual implications as does the term 'transvestite', and was far more specific than 'cross--dresser'.

Recently, however, the term 'transgenderist' has come more and more to mean a person of one sex living entirely in the gender role generally considered appropriate for the opposite sex (cross-living). No real contemporary transgenderist would ever consider him or herself to be a TV or a TS. (Heaven forbid!)

Most of the folks who used to consider themselves 'TGs', now consider themselves 'TVs', 'CDs', 'FPs', or 'ANs', so it was not as if the poor ex-TGs had no categories with which to identify.

FEMMIPHILE (FP): Originally 'femmiphile' was a term coined by Dr. Virginia Prince (founder of Chevalier Publications, and the Foundation for Personality Expression [FPE] - now the Society for the Second Self [Tri-Ess]). FPE was an organization for avowed 'heterosexual' males who enjoyed 'cross-dressing'. The intention was to provide a term that fit their special category. Fem-, meaning female or feminine, was combined with -phile, meaning lover. 'Femmiphile' consequently meant 'lover of the feminine'.

Unfortunately -phile also meant lover of a lot of other strange things (necrophile, pedophile, scatophile, etc). 'Femmiphile' became just one more funny word. Recently however, with the sexual, worse, with the 'homosexual' implications of 'transvestite, and with the demise of 'transgender', and the confusion of

'androgyne', the word 'femmiphile' has made a comeback. Needless to say though, the intellectual free spirits of the the cross-dressing world are trying to come up with a better word.

TRANSSEXUAL (TS): The term 'transsexual' is sometimes used to describe a person in transition - working towards sexual reassignment surgery. (Rather than 'reassignment', a growing number of people prefer the word 'corrective'.) 'Transsexual' is sometimes used to describe a person who has completed their surgery (although many post-operative TSs prefer 'new man' or 'new woman', or even 'man' or 'woman').

The most practical use of 'transsexual' is to use it to describe someone whose 'gender' identity is completely and irrevocably incompatible with their 'sex', regardless of whether or not they have taken any steps towards reassignment ('reconstructive') surgery.

The basic difference between a transvestite and a transsexual is that a TV is mostly interested in gender expression, and a TS is mostly interested in gender identity. For most TVs, the clothes themselves are very important. For most TSs, clothes are a way to reinforce their identity. That is a fundamental difference.

ANDROGYNE (AN): 'Androgyne' is the current 'in' word. The term is very difficult to understand, mostly because it is not a definition. It does not define a phenomenon. Rather, it is a state of mind, and a way to 'be' in the universe.

'Androgyne' was derived from 'andro-, meaning male, or man, and gyne-, meaning female, or woman. Philosophically, 'androgyne' found its roots in 'androgyny'. Modern androgyny is based on the ancient Far Eastern concept of the duality of the universe (Yin, Yang), with modern variations by psychologist C.G. Jung. Jung introduced the terms 'anima', which means the feminine principle, especially as it is present in men, and 'animus', which means the masculine principle, especially as it is present in women.

In the cross-dressing world 'androgyne' has come to mean using cross-dressing as a tool with which to express one's 'anima', the feminine principle, or 'animus', the masculine principle.

'Androgyne' means a great deal more than using cross-dressing as a tool. It means harmony, rather, the sense of harmony, the harmonious balance between one's anima and animus, or Yin and Yang.

Yin and Yang (whose symbol is the well-known interlocking teardrops) is an ancient Chinese religious concept. 'Yin' is negative, dark, and feminine. 'Yang' is positive, bright, and masculine. (I think they had that backwards, but who am I to criticize ancient religions.) The Yin and Yang are inherent in, and influence the destinies of all things. The embodiment of the Yin and Yang was considered an ideal. With it went a sense of oneness, a sense of harmonious oneness with the universe.

Now let's see if I can say all this in plain old english. For the cross-dresser the idea is to bring his or her 'feminine' qualities and desires into a harmonious balance with his or her 'masculine' qualities. The result is a sense of wholeness, of oneness, of being one person, of being both a man and a woman - not two separate identities, but a single identity, a single, complete, person.

That to me is a beautiful concept, and a beautiful objective. It is an ideal, but it is an ideal that everyone can achieve. Think of it - peace of mind for all cross-dressers - no searching for an evasive identity, no being lost in a categorical limbo - just being a person, being a man AND a woman in harmony with him AND herself. Beautiful!

(**** Footnote: The Outreach Institute's logo is the Yin and Yang, the interlocking teardrops. The Tiffany Club's logo is a masculine hand interlocked with a feminine hand holding a rose, with the caption, "Of being masculine, of being feminine, of being one with yourself and Nature". The

concept of androgyny is everywhere.)

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(**** The following article was taken from Rupert Raj's personal memoirs, originally published in 'Metamorphosis Newsletter', published by the Metamorphosis Medical Research Foundation, Box 5963, Station A, Toronto, Ontario Canada M5W 1P4. Rupert is a post-op F-M TS, Founder and President of MMRF, and the Metamorphosis Newsletter Editor. Rupert is also a member of the TV/TS Tapestry Board of Advisors.

MY MALE METAMORPHOSIS
by Rupert Raj

I am in my 31st year (Aquarian), born in Ottawa, Canada in 1952, of Eurasian ancestry (East Indian father, Polish mother--both parents died in a fatal automobile accident in 1968). I am the second oldest of 5 siblings (3 brothers, 1 sister).

As far back as I can remember, I have always felt that I should have been born a boy--and in fact, acted like a boy much of the time--and I could not, for the life of me, fathom why Nature had played this cruel cosmic joke on me. (What "bad karma" had I accrued in my previous incarnations that would so sentence me to this carnal life--imprisonment: a male psyche in a female soma?)

At 6 years of age, I recall that I had a recurring dream: I was a little girl facing my Grade One female teacher. Then, I would pirouette and suddenly, miraculously, I would be metamorphosed into a tall handsome, young man, complete with top had and tails (ala Fred Astaire) and would be waltzing cheek to cheek, withy my school teacher. From that time on, I used to have romantic "crushes" on almost all of my female teachers.

I can also remember two other grade school events: I wore pants on the first

day to school in Grade One and was peremptorily told that girls must wear skirts or dresses to class or they would be promptly sent home! I also dearly coveted the boys' schoolbags (strapped onto their backs) and consequently, hated with a passion my own girls' schoolbag (carried by the handle, like a purse). I envied, as well, the boys' lace-up boots, and just loathed my own girlish sandals!

And again when I was 8 or 9 in Grade Four, I wrote the word "hero" in an autobiographical composition, only to have the teacher "correct" the spelling to that of "heroine". It sure seemed as if my teachers were determined not to let me forget that I was (to all appearances) a girl. Throughout my childhood and early adolescence I tended to strongly identify with the opposite (male) sex: primarily with my father, and also, with various cultural (comic-book and television) super-heroes: Mighty Mouse, Zorro, Ivanhoe, Robin Hood, Thierry La Fronde, etc. (I always fancied myself as the rakish swashbuckler type, the daring and debonair hero that chivalrously rescues ravishing damsels in distress).

And, speaking of Robin Hood, when I was 14 years old, I signed his name (and my address) to a love-letter I had written and sent to Julie Andrews' fan-club. In the letter, I tried to convey my inexplicable self-concept of being a "tomboy" or masculine girl who was passionately in love with Miss Andrews. Whether or not Julie ever read my letter I will never know, but, in any event, I received an autographed photograph of her which I dearly cherish to this very day!

This love-letter penning finally culminated in my 18th year, in my writing such a letter to my Grade Thirteen physical education teacher (single and very pretty) in which I awkwardly attemped to explain my obsessively-persistent feeling of "being a man on the inside". I did not employ the terms "transsexual" or "sex-change" simply because I was not then aware of such labels, let alone aware that there existed anyone else on this planet similarly "afflicted" with this perpetually-perplexing condition, this abominably-accursed "dis-ease"!

(Can you possibly imagine how dreadfully desperate, how absolutely

alone I felt: publicly perceived as a "tomboy", "butch lesbian" or "queer"? I felt as if I was on the edge of a deep, dark abyss, into which I might fall at any moment. Oh God, my future sure looked bleak to me--a dead end).

So, I quit school and contacted a psychiatrist, who, at my request, signed me into the psychiatric hospital for 6 weeks. It was there that I met my first lover, Doris, a 28 year old recent divorcee, who, verbally and romantically, approached me first. She had been married twice and had had no prior sexual involvement with a woman but she was immediately attracted to me once she perceived me as a (to her mind) masculine lesbian (on account of my short hair, shirt, jeans, loafers, and my black leather Beatle cap).

Upon simultaneous dismissal from the sanitorium, my new lover and I lived together on a farm in the village of Russell, for one year, during the course of which, we had numerous conflicts--always over the issues of my cross-dressing, my ardent desire for the "sex-change", and her paranoid concern over the village gossip about us "two dykes". So, we finally separated, since she could not accept my firm decision to now, at last, begin my sexual transformation to that of a male.

Consequently, in 1971, I moved back to "The Nation's Capital" (Ottawa) and concurrently commenced two very important phases of my life: university, and, sex-reassignment.

I had rented a one-bedroom basement apartment in which I lived alone for the first time in my life. Just prior to beginning classes, I disposed of my female attire and purchased an all-male wardrobe as well as a shaving razor. I used to wear ties and suits to class, and thereby was either mistaken for the professor or else "stood out like a sore thumb", since the other students all wore sweaters and jeans. I can recall peering right into the eyes of several of my former high school classmates, and, would you believe it, they did not even recognize me! I "passed" with flying colours. And, since no-one knew of my transsexual status (except for the Dean of Students) I was treated as just another "one of the guys".

It was just great! For the first time in my life, I began to feel...natural, comfortable, and that, at long last, I belonged--I had arrived! There was just one thing wrong--my body was still female and thus, contradicted my "mind"--psyche and soma were painfully inconguent. So, I contaced the Harry Benjamin Foundation in New York and made an appointment to see an endocrinologist there--Dr. Charles Ihlenfeld. Three months later, the good doctor examined and interviewed me in NYC, and subsequently, prescribed bi-weekly injections of testosterone enanthate (male sex hormones) for me. I think that day he administed my first shot of the "wonder-drug" must have been one of the "peak-experiences" of my life--talk about "ender euphoria"!

Gradually, over the weeks and months my loathesome menstrual periods ceased, my larynx enlargened and my voice deepened in pitch, my muscles developed and the fatty tissue redistributed along male lines and my body and facial hair sprouted. Oh yes, and my libido (sex-drive) increased sharply coincidental with my ever-growing clitoris. Hell, was I horny! (Before male hormones, sex was in my mind, after, sex was all in my "head"). Shortly after, I started shaving "for real" -- then, an ecstatic experience, now a tedious time-waster. And, I thrilled to the sound of the low register of my voice. (now, I could stop practicing talking and singing into a tape recorder in a masculine voice).

I felt that I "passed" perfectly and even perhaps, that I was relatively attractive (modestly handsome) but, apparently none of the scholastic young ladies whom I approached on a romantic level thought so, for they all turned me down. (How fragile is the male ego!)

However, I compensated for this sexual rejection by socializing with other university students, 'gay libbers' and transsexuals. And, I immersed myself in my university studies (psychology and philosophy) as well as the compellingly facinating subject of **gender** dysphoria and transsexualism. Indeed, I read every single transsexual autobiography and medical reference that I could find. I also began to conduct research on my own--writing letters of inquiry aboaut the phalloplasty to plastic surgeons around the world. As well, I started to counsel other transsexuals--male and female-- and to educate doctors and psychologists on the

rare "transsexual phenomenon".

After a year of the "real-life-test" had elapsed (living and working as a man full-time) I travelled, in 1972, to New York again, this time to undergo the bilateral mastectomy (removal of the breasts) as performed by Dr. David Wesser. (Prior to the surgery, I had to wear a home-made breast-binder for the duration of the preceeding year, and, as the date of my operation drew closer and closer each summer's day, I literally sweated out the wait in an agony of discomfort. On occasion, I recall, I just wanted to grab those "hills of flesh" and tear them off with my bare hands!--I was 34 C).

The night before my surgery, I felt like I was on the threshold of a dream.... The afternoon after, I felt like had just died and gone to Heaven--my dream had come true. I was male (at least partly so). Once again, "gender euphoria"!

In 1975, I graduated from the University of Ottawa with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Shortly after, I moved to Vancouver, B.C., where, in 1976, I met my second (major) lover, Carl--a pre-operative female-to-male transsexual, just recently divorced with two young children. We lived together in "Van" for 1 1/2 years as a couple of gay guys (for I had always regarded Carl as a man, and he, me). We had male homosexual relations. (Confusing? Well perhaps, but bear in mind that gender identity and sexual preference are two different dimensions).

In 1977, we moved to Calgary, Alberta, where we both enrolled in the University's Sexuality Clinic, and in 1978, I underwent the hysterectomy (removal of the uterus and ovaries). Unfortunately however, I did not obtain the phalloplasty because the plastic surgeon there advised me against penis construction as I was too thin and so, had insufficient abdominal tissue to work with. Bloody Hell, what a "downer"! I had so hoped to achieve complete male integrity. Penis envy still reigns!

After 3 years together of relative bliss, we split up because he found another lover (female). It was the same old story -- Doris rejected me because I was a "woman" and Carl because I was a man. I can't win for losing. So, I packed my bags and headed East for "Hogtown" (Toronto). there, I eventually met and got engaged to my fiancee, Amanda, with whom I have lived these past 3 years. She, of course, accepts me as a man one hundred percent.

In 1981, I established METAMORPHOSIS: Gender Counselling-Educational Services as a business concern and in 1982, published a bimonthly newsletter exclusively for females-to-males and professionals. Now, in 1983, I am in the process of incorporating METAMORPHOSIS as a non-profit Foundation for gender dysphoric and sexually dysphoric men (pre-op and post-op F-M TSs as well as genetic males who have no or undersized or deformed or deficient genitalia) and will continue to publish a regular bimonthly newsletter.

I am still penis-less but hope to be able to obtain one someday, once medical technology has improved somewhat. In the interim period, I hope to be able to raise funds, through the Foundation, to finance the design and construction of a non-surgical, external, penile prosthesis. Ergo, the METAMORPHOSIS motto: "Towards male integrity".

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SPECIAL REPORT

TIFFANY'S P-TOWN OUTING '84

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THE AGENDA

Weds May 30: Registration, dinner at the Cape Inn.
Thurs May 31: NACD Meeting, Tapestry Meeting, Dinner at the Oceans Inn, PJ party.
Fri June 1: Registration, Dinner at the Courtyard, PJ party.
Sat June 2: Day on the town, Lee Brewster's party, song fest, PJ party.
Sun June 3: Deck party, FI show, Dinner at the Town House, PJ party.
Mon June 4: Sad farewells

ACCOMMODATIONS

Gifford House, Chicago House, Roomers, and Oceans Inn.

VENDORS

Joan and Elinor of 'Total Image'

PHOTOGRAPHER

Mariette Pathy Allen

SPECIAL GUESTS

Lee G. Brewster (Lee's Mardi Gras Boutique), Susan Huxford (Exec. Dir. FACT), Virginia Prince (Founder FPE, Chevalier Publications)

SPECIAL FRIENDS IN PROVINCETOWN

The Provincetown business Guild

Restaurants: Pronto, Town House, The Mews, Cafe Edwige, Oceans Inn, Front Street, The Cape Inn, Alice's, Courtyard

Guest Houses: Rose and Crown, The Dusty Miller Inn

Bars: A-House, Backstreet Bar, Pied Piper, Joe' Place, Galleria Bar

Shops: Desiree's Family Boutique, The August Moon, The Miniature Collector, Obsessions, Womancrafts

Other: Lembas Health Foods, Portuguese Princess Excursions, West End Beauty Salon

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INTRODUCTION
by Merissa Sherrill Lynn
Outing Coordinator

Looking more like Moby Dick with wings than a plane, the old white DC-3 lumbered in for a landing, and rattled to a stop. The baggage porters at the Provincetown airport have seen some unusual sights in their time, so their expressions were stoic as they stacked suitcase upon suitcase upon garment bag upon wig box. Then, after the baggage rack was filled to overflowing, one of the porters looked me in the eye, allowed the left side of his mouth to curl upward, and said, "Wait 'til you see this!" Two people got off the plane.

It was time for the Tiffany Club's 4th annual P-town Outing.

In just four short years Tiffany's Outing has grown to be the largest outing of its kind in the world, attracting members and friends from such places as San Diego, Vancouver, Texas, Minnisota, Wisconsin, Chicago, Toronto, Washington DC, and Missouri. Every year crossdressers converge on Provincetown, and each year they bring too much to wear. However, it is the crossdresser's right, and credo, that if you own it or can borrow it, and can fit into it, bring it and wear it! Who cares if Provincetown is a rustic fishing community where the mode of dress is usually dungarees and sweatshirts?

That is the point. In Provincetown, who cares? In P-town everyone is unique, and that is the beauty of it. There are fishermen, artists, gay people, straight people, and tourists.... Oh yes! Lots of tourists. People come to Provincetown not only for its scenic beauty (and it is beautiful), but for its variety of people (and it does have variety).

Crossdressers add to that variety, and thereby actually become part of the Provincetown 'scene'.

In Provincetown normalcy is a relative proposition, relative to an individual's preferred lifestyle. Crossdressers are normal, and are treated with as much respect as anyone else. The authorities don't care about an individual's sexual preference, or mode of dress. They care about people being hurt, or laws being broken. In short, in P-town a crossdresser is a person just like anyone else, subject to the same laws as everyone else, and eligible for the same protection.

Because P-town is what it is, and we are what we are, we will always be part of it. The porters at Provincetown airport are going to continue seeing a lot of people with a lot of luggage stepping off the planes for many years to come.

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What they are saying:

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TIFFANY'S PROVINCETOWN OUTING '84
by Dee Dailey

(The following passage was edited from Dee Dailey's monthly report in 'The Network News', published by The Wisconsin Network, Box 632, Waukesha, WI 53187, Dee Dailey, Ed.) (Dee, the president of the Wisconsin Network, and her friend Tomm, attended Tiffany's P-town Outing for the full six days, participating in the pre-outing business conference, and engaged in creative recreation the rest of the time. She contributed greatly to the success of the Outing - and gives a great hug. - MSL)

HI!

Provincetown -- you can wait for the leg contest results. This is most important to me, and I'm writing it!!!

Tomm and I left the night of Memorial Day, and didn't sleep for the next 22 hours. We got to Provincetown the next day with gorgeous sunshine, and didn't hardly see the sun again until the day we left. It was drizzling most of the time, one day cold enough for Tomm to go buy a coat. We left P-town on June 4th, and got home the evening of the 7th -- in that ridiculous rainstorm -- almost like being back in P-town.

Provincetown... What do I tell you when I want to give you only my view but have responsibility to be as objective as possible in this newsletter? Responsibility is more important than my want, but I will do both.

Provincetown is a town where everyone who is gay, bisexual, a TV, or TS, should go at least once in their life. It is far from home for most of us, and that alone gives it safety. It is also a very open city for most lifestyles, for most people. There are a lot of transient people there who travel the country for the summer sun, work, and recreation year 'round. The local people who live there all year are special. They are special because they can adapt to their small city becoming almost a huge metropolitan area in the summer, and go back to their privacy in the winter. They adapt to the summer people and their diverse lifestyles because they are survivors. Some are so open, so friendly that I was astounded. But my head saw that they are soaking up the experiences, the lifestyles, the caring, the giving, the money, the freedom of the summer just like everyone else there, but for different reasons.

Some people live in P-town because they've lived there all their lives. Some live there because it is a resort town and they can make money. Some go there for the freedom of the summer with so many people, so much diversity, so much to feel.

A person can feel so safe in P-town because they advertise that it is a safe place to be if you're gay or a TV. If you don't break the laws of the town, the county, the state or humanity, you will be safe.

Go to P-town if you want a resort vacation or want to find a place with a lot of gay, bi, and crossdressing people. But, please don't go with any illusions that it is heaven, mecca, or peace on earth. It isn't. It can be what you want it to be if you work at

it and make yourself fit in -- just like everywhere else.

The people...the people I met, many of them were special. I met a lot of people who have been crossdressing comfortably for many years in public because there are many organizations out there to go to within a relatively close area. Most of the crossdressers have been only out of their closet occasionally, just like people here. I met people who have had sex change surgery, and people contemplating it. I met numerous business people who deal with TVs.

I did a lot of talking, a lot of listening, and I learned a lot.

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P-TOWN OUTING '84

Dear Merissa

The Lee Brewster cocktail party and buffet on Saturday night was a compliment to you as a leader in the TV movement. I admire you, Lee, and all of those who dedicate themselves to others like you do.

You are an inspiration to those who question who they are in this wild uncertain world of TVism. I appreciate all you have done.... and wish I could do more than I do. Maybe some day!

Denise Mason

TIFFANY'S P-TOWN OUTING '84

Dear Merissa & Kim

Last year's Tiffany Weekend was fun, but this year's was even better. Except for the weather, it was thoroughly enjoyable.

Shirley K. (CO)

TIFFANY'S P-TOWN OUTING '84

Dear Merissa

Did I have a great time - Oh Dear Friend - Did I! I had a glorious time - P-town is a fantastic experience and for the clothes horse street comber, bar hopping such as me - it's such a joy - God bless me did I enjoy myself! I met some wonderful 'gals' too - I enjoyed Jerri from Washington, and Tracy from Chicago so very much - I danced every night - my! Did I have swollen feet - It was an experience to meet everyone - everyone had something to offer to the whole weekend! I'm planning already to return to Fantasia Fair.

Sheila K. (PA)

TIFFANY'S P-TOWN OUTING '84

Dear Merissa

I can't pass up this opportunity to tell you and the rest of the organizers of the weekend just how much I enjoyed the entire Holiday Weekend, just passed, and to thank you for your usual outstanding job. I know it's an enormous burden on you, and I also know it's a real labor of love.

For me personally, the experience was somewhat different from my first trip last year, and yet even more enriching and enjoyable, which I would have thought impossible! This was more quietly satisfying, partially in that I was able to renew old friendships (as well as make a goodly number of new ones), but in addition, my acceptance of myself had quietly increased during the past year, and this year it simply felt natural to drop my male identity after checking into the Gifford House, and just move very simply and easily into Barbara's identity. From the moment of arrival to almost the moment of departure, I just was Barbara, and the cares of the everyday world just dropped away and were forgotten for the duration.

Once again, my heartfelt thanks to you and yours for making this type of experience possible. Next year I plan to come earlier.

Barbara S. (DE)

TIFFANY'S P-TOWN OUTING '84

"I really enjoyed myself at your Weekend in P-town, and I look forward to the time when I can visit Tiffany in Boston."

Johnnie D. (PA)

"We enjoyed the outing. We would like to come again."
H.K. (NY)

"Thought P-town was super!"
Dee Dailey (WI)

Business:

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P-TOWN '84

THE BUSINESS CONFERENCE
Reported by
Merissa Sherrill Lynn
Conference Coordinator

At the Fantasia Fair 1983 Business Meeting a mandate was given to the Tiffany Outing organizers - "Have the TV/TS Community Business Conference the week before Tiffany's Spring Outing!"

The organizers planned the Conference.

Unfortunately, the Conference failed.

Fortunately, the organizers knew it was going to fail. (Too many organizations scheduled their own outings at the same time, preventing a reasonable representation of leaders.) (In fact, a number of leaders who were present at the Fan/Fair meeting, and involved in handing down the mandate, were organizers for those other events, which was a contradiction of their own mandate.) (Yes, homicide was a consideration - but that's another story.) Since any possiblility of ever getting the TV-TS Community leaders to cooperate, a Leader's Conference was (and probably always will be) a fantasy. With that in mind, the Tiffany Outing organizers, after many steamy hours of thinking, came up with an alternative. We would have our first annual convention for NACD Inc., and for the TV-TS Tapestry.

The rational was this:

NACD is an investment corporation. The stockholders are members and friends of the TV/TS Community. We have never had a formal stockholder's meeting, and we should have one once a year. What better time and place for an annual NACD meeting than P-town in the Spring?

Also, the TV/TS Tapestry has a staff, a Board of Directors, a Board of Advisors, and contributors from around the world. What better time and place for a Tapestry meeting than P-town in the Spring?

Since both NACD and the Tapestry affect the TV/TS Community as a whole, we could do something valuable for the Community, whether or not anyone else decided to support us.

Admittedly, after learning that other groups and leaders opted to do their own thing, and before our meetings began, I felt like I was the only one who cared about other people. I was suprised (shocked) to find out how wrong I was.

Virginia Prince was going to attend a convention in Boston, and arrived one week early to attend our meeting. Susan Huxford (Dir. of FACT) did the same thing. Ariadne Kane made a special point of attending. Dee and Malinda drove 26 hours to attend, and Sharon and Tracy drove 24. I was expecting four or five people - 30 showed up. That was twice as many as we had for any of the business meetings at Fantasia Fair. Could it be that after all these years of trying to do something for the Community as a whole, we finally did something right?

We only had two hours per meeting, and we made the most of it.

We clarified the objectives of the meetings: 1.) To have our first formal NACD Inc. and TV/TS Tapestry convention.

2.) To establish a precedence for future conventions.

3.) To give the NACD stockholders and Tapestry staff and supporters some understanding of how we are doing.

4.) To discuss where we are going.

5.) To outline the ways to get there.

The nature of NACD was clarified: 1.) It is an investment corporation with primary emphasis on real estate.

2.) The Primary purpose is to develop long-term financial stability for the TV/TS Community; a financial

"umbrella".

3.) NACD is a closed corporation with shares of common stock (par value $100) being sold exclusively to members and qualified friends of the TV/TS Community.

4.) Such a corporation transcends and protects the investor against the transitory nature of non-profit organizations, and protects the TV/TS Community against the greed of profit-oriented individuals.

A brief history of NACD, a financial status report, and the methodology for the purchase of Tiffany's facilities were given.

The future of Tiffany's facilities was discussed, and the pros and cons analyzed.

Pros: Safe investment, good location, good neighbors, security, privacy, comfortable home-like atmosphere, aesthetic site.

Cons: No growth potential, much too small (need many more rooms for residents & storage & guests, office space, recreation space, parking, etc), residentially zoned.

General consensus: As nice as our present location was, we had to move.

How do we do it?

A number of options were discussed:
1.) Business financing, conventional financing.

2.) Buy & lease via special holding company.

3.) NACD be borrower to deal with the holding company.

4.) Limited partnership.

5.) Approach investors for people looking for shelters.

After much discussion a mandate was given to the NACD officers: Develop a prospectus, as well as a very good presentation, both verbal and written.

After considerable discussion on what goes into a prospectus, making up two prospectuses (one for investors and one for write-offers), etc, another mandate was given to the NACD officers: GET TO WORK!

The Tapestry meeting was nearly as hectic.

The nature of the Tapestry was discussed: 1.) It is designed to be the definitive magazine serving the TV/TS Community.

2.) It is a communications medium and a unifying factor for the Community.

3.) It is a primary information source.

4.) It is a tasteful, non-sexual, non-political, non-aligned, and positive magazine. It is intended to be neutral territory, acceptable to all.

A brief history and financial status report was given. Then, the floor was opened to discussion. A flood of comments and suggestions followed, including: 1.) a request for more fiction articles, and how to obtain them.

2.) Expand on solicitation for writers, join the 'Writer's Market'.

3.) Compile a list of people within the Community with talents that are available to help.

4.) The Tapestry is a stepping stone to the development of the TV/TS Community's own publishing house. This publishing house would not only publish the Tapestry, but directories, 'how-to' manuals, information pamphlets, novels, novelettes, etc.

5.) Etc.

The two meetings were more successful than I hoped, and certainly far more than I expected. I believe the two most important things that evolved from the meetings were: 1.) The support given to the prospectus and future investment, and: 2.) The support given to the growth and direction of the Tapestry. That's not bad considering we only had two two-hour meetings with which to work.

You could say I'm pleased. However, I do wish we had a lot more good people there. Maybe next year.

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misc. - Did you hear about the transvestite student? he spent his junior year a broad.

Ernest Dugas, Mgr, Gifford House (photo - M.P.A.)

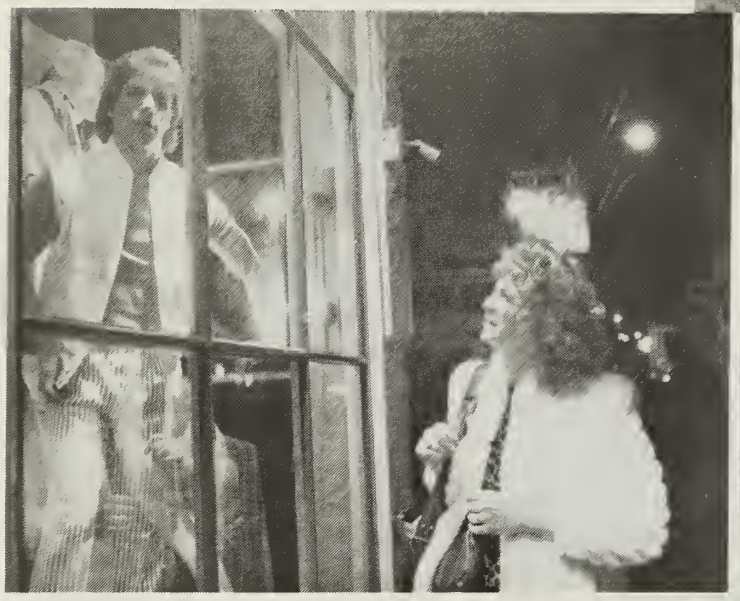
Ariadne Kane, Debbie Nugent (photo - Shirley Knight)

Making friends with a local lobester: Shirley, 'Lollie' (photo - S.K.)

Making friends: Sheila, Julie, Andrea, Victoria, Shirley (photo - S.K.)

Gerri, Winnie, Susan (photo - S.K.)

Making friends with a local anchor: Debbie & friend (photo - S.K.)



"Good heavens! A moving manniquin!" Shiela (photo - M.P.A.)

"It's a joyous feeling, being the way you want to be, wandering about town without fear, exploring P-town's wealth of shops." Debbie (photo - M.P.A.)

Belle Starr (aka Shirley), Miss Kitty (aka Gerri) (photo - Old-Time Studios, P-town)

Lee's Party: Vickie, Lee, Merissa (photo - M.P.A.)

Lee's Party: Susan, 'Auntie' Dorothy, Linda, Liz, Winnie (photo - M.P.A.)

Lee's Party: Frances, Susan (photo - M.P.A.)

Lee's Party: Debbie (photo - S.K.)

Lee's Party: Merissa (Photo - S.K.)

Lee's Party: Linda (photo - S.K.)

Lee's Party: Ronnie, Johnnie (photo - S.K.)

Lee's Party: Jackie (photo - S.K.)

Lee's Party: Shirley, Gerri
(photo - M.P.A.)

Lee's Party: Helen, Mariette
(photo - S.K.)

Lee's Party: Malinda,
'Ernestine' (photo - M.P.A.)

Lee's Party: Linda, Victoria,
Jennifer (photo - M.P.A.)

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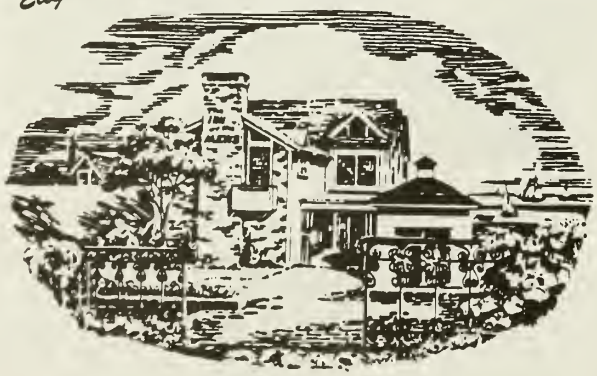

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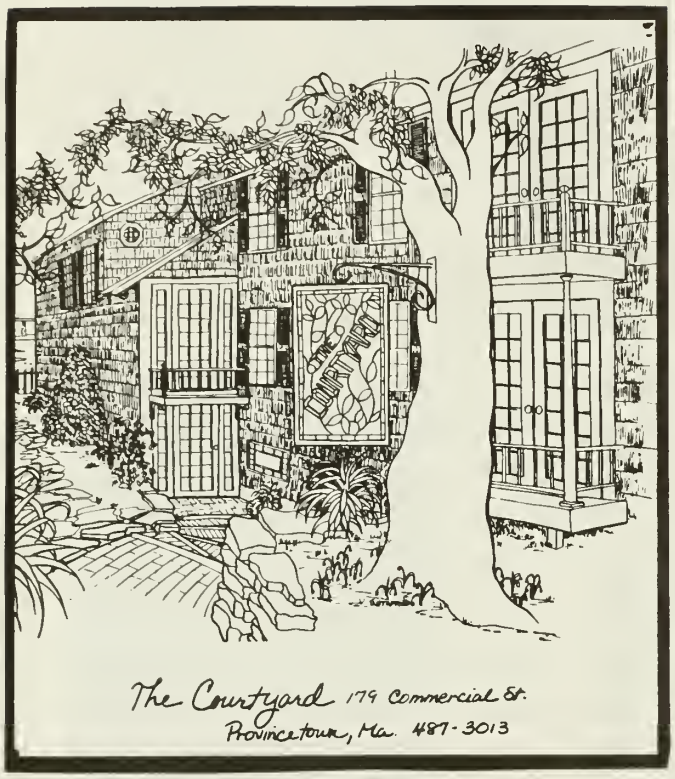

(The following letter was received too late to be included in the "What They Are Saying" section of the P-town Outing report. However, it is a nice way to conclude the report. - MSL)

TIFFANY'S P-TOWN OUTING

Dear Merissa

I miss the Tiffany Club and all the understanding folks who are part of it. I wrote the following on Wednesday, 6/6/84, the evening after I got back from P-town and Wayland. I have purposely delayed sending it in order to see if they were just mushy thoughts while still high from the trip. I still think that way 3 weeks later, so here they are.

A grateful thanks to the Tiffany Club organizers for putting on the P-town Outing at the end of May, and to all those nice people who travelled from all over to attend. It was really hard saying goodbye to those with whom one had struck a special friendship in those few short days. I miss you all.

It was a long drive back to Ottawa. I can't imagine how those of you from Chicago drove all that way. My trip was lightened at one point by a friendly truck driver who would wave and blow me kisses as I passed him on the upgrades and when he overtook me on the downgrades. The scenery on the Interstate Highways thru New Hampshire and Vermont is just beautiful.

Though the notorious P-town springtime weather was as predicited, and I felt colder after Lee Brewster's dinner that Saturday night than I have ever felt in the depth of a Canadian winter; none of this could cool the warmth of the relationships that were being generated there, and which one did not recognise until those procrastinated farewells. I think everyone who did not have a plane to catch, left later than originally planned.

Love to you all,
Micheline (Canada)

BULLETINS, NOTICES, NEWS

NEWS ITEM - CHICAGO

TRANSSEXUAL FILES SUIT FOR HUSBAND'S VISA

A 41 year-old transsexual on Monday sued the U.S. government, charging it with discrimination and violation of her constitutional rights for refusing to grant an immigrant visa to her husband, a Mexican alien.

Meanwhile, the government reopened its review of the visa petition.

Patricia Michelle Castaneda's suit, filed in U.S. District Court, alleges that the government discriminated against her "solely on the basis of her sex" by refusing to grant her husband, Manuel, 26, an immigrant visa as the immediate relative of a U.S. citizen.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service denied the petition last month, saying tha Mrs. Castaneda's sex-change operation was "cosmetic in nature" and that she "must still be regarded as a male in immigration matters."

There are "some legal issues" that have not been fully examined, A.D. Moyer, district director for the immigration service said Monday, adding he asked that the case be reopened.

"We've never had a case exactly like this," he said, adding that he was checking with other districts for "parallel" cases.

"To me I'm a woman, to the doctors I'm a woman," Mrs. Castaneda said in an interview at her lawyer's office.

The Waukegan native, born Patrick Michael Tripp, said she had dressed as a woman since she was a teen-ager and that her family had treated her as a female.

She met her current husband while working as a legal secretary, Mrs. Castaneda said. They were married in 1980 by a Lutheran minister.

Louis S. Goldstein, Mrs. Castaneda's lawyer, would not allow his client to comment on her husband's immigration status.

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TRANSSEXUAL WINS SUIT
Immigration Office Gives In

A Chicago Transsexual has in effect won her lawsuit against the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Patricia Michelle Castaneda filed suit March 12 against a Feb. 15 INS denial of a relative's visa for her husband Manuel, a Mexican immigrant. The INS based its denial on policy "not to regard sex change operations as anythjing more than cosmetic" because, it said, the "concept of woman is fundamentally related to the capacity for reproduction."

A stipulation of dismissal signed by attorneys for both parties Tuesday, March 27, said the INS had "nullified" the Feb. 15 denial and that Castaneda's "visa petition, as all such petitions, will be decided ... individually and on its merit."

"We got into court, and they threw up their hands and said, "You've got us," said Castaneda's attorney. Louis S. Goldstein. "The medical literature was on our side."

Castaneda said she and Manuel are "ecstatic."

"It's a victory for anybody that might be different than normal," she said.

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NEWS ITEM

VANESSA REDGRAVE TO PLAY
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DRAMA "THE SECOND SERVE"

Vanessa Redgrave is hoping to play yet another TV role certain to be an attention-grabber - as transsexual physician and tennis player Dr. Renee Richards. Independent producer Linda Yellen said Vanessa will play Miss Richards, formerly "Dr. Richard Raskind, both before and after the sex-change operation. "I can't imagine that anyone would give the same acting reality to the story," Yellen said yesterday. In fact, she said, Vanessa even "strongly resembles" Dr. Richards, and is "an excellent tennis player." Redgrave, now in London, is hoping to meet with Dr. Richards when she returns to New York. but CBS programming chief Harvey Shepard and drama supervisor Steve Mills said in L.A. that network approval of the project, to be called "The Second Serve," depends on an acceptable script. "Having Redgrave is a plus, but is not on its own enough," Mills said. "We want to make sure the subject matter is treated tastefully." Redgrave has been a controversial figure for years because of her PLO sympathies. In 1980, her casting as a Jewish concentration camp survivor in CBS' "Playing For Time" - also produced by Yellen - drew protests, but earned an emmy.

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As you know, the TV-TS Tapestry is a non-profit publication. It is also designed to be an information clearing house. One of our most overwhelming burdons is handling all the requests for information, complimentary mailings to non-profit TV/TS organizations, libraries, helping professional organizations, etc, and doing outreach work. This all cost us a tremendous amount in postage (averaging app. $200 a month). We need stamps! (We need a lot of other things too, but postage is the single largest item.)

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Because of limited disk space availability we have not included a Mail Section and as additional disk space becomes available we plan to include the contents of the Resource Directory and possibly the Correspondant's Directory. These two items will be broken down in areas such as Northeast, Midwest, Southern States, etc and within each area each a separate panel will be designated for each State to facilitate access and decrease time needed on the network.

FOR INFORMATION, CALL: (408) 734-8727

LEGAL UPDATE
from Joanna M. Clark & Associates

"Things have been busy here. We won the Mostyn case and Annie is safe at FCI Lexington, now. She is housed with women in the hospital and is due for parole in October '85.

We are getting involved in another prison case in Kansas, as well as providing limited assistance to another prisoner in Indiana.

Managed to get the City of Buena Park to repeal their cross-dressing ordinance this past week, and the ACLU Chapter in San Diego is defending a transvestite in National City, over their cross-dressing ordinance. We expect to have the ordinance declared unconstitutional. The ACLU-TRC maintains the largest brief bank in the country. The Transsexual Rights Committee needs our financial help. Send your tax deductible contributions to: TRC, 31815 Camino Capistrano, Suite L, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. Thanks!

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NOTE: from Mariette Pathy Allen, Photographer

Mariette Pathy Allen, official photographer for Fantasia Fair '82-'85, and Tiffany Club P-town Outing '84, is looking for crossdressers with families that would be willing to be photographed at home for a book focused primarily on the heterosexual transvestite. I would be particularly interested in including children, parents, or siblings. The family will receive photos in exchange, as well as the opportunity to make a contribution toward changing society's attitudes.

Please contact me at: (212) 873-3459 between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m., or write me: Mariette Pathy Allen, 211 C.P.W., N.Y.C., NY 10024

ANNOUNCEMENT - GENDER SERVICES OF CHICAGO

We have changed the name of our newsletter to 'SWAN'. We will be using headlines like 'Fem-In-Man' to cover the transvestite section, 'Trans-Script' to cover the transsexual section, 'Dream Boys/Dream Girls' to cover the female/male impersonators and queens. There will also be a special column for the wives and girlfriends of TVs and TSs. There will also be a legal and medical column.

'Swan' will now be published by both Gender Services of Chicago, and Windy City Chapter of GGA. For additional information: G.S.C., c/o John Prowett, 3208 North Sheffield # 301, Chicago, IL 60657

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Panel presenters included Dr. David McQuirter, Dr. Virginia Prince, Dr. Anne Bolin, and Dr. Vern Bullough. The Symposium was moderated by Ariadne Kane, Director of the Outreach Institute. The program was well attended and very well received.' A booklet containing Abstracts of each presenter as well as two audio tapes of the presentations is being made available through the Institute. The costs for the Abstracts and the Tapes is $18.95 and includes postage and handling. Please make payments (in US funds only) by bank check or postal money order, to the Outreach Institute, Box 368 Kenmore Sta., Boston, MA 02215

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WORKSHOP ON
'THE MYSTERY OF GENDER'

Ariadne Kane, of the Outreach Institute, and Niela Miller, of People Systems Potential, will be conducting a 1-day workshop, titled "The Mystery Of Gender", during the 'Association of Humanistic Psychology's (AHP) convention at Curry College in Milton, Massachusetts.

The workshop will be held on August 20, 1984, and run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The workshop will explore gender identity and its effects on us. The method will be dialog and short designed experiences. Transvestites, transsexuals, couples, and interested persons will be in attendance.

All interested persons welcome!

For a program, and to register, contact:

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For additional information: Ariadne Kane, Box 368 Kenmore Station, Boston, MA 02215

NEW GROUP - WESTERN NEW YORK

There is a new social group forming in Syracuse NY. The group will be non-profit, have an open membership policy, and will be strictly non-sexual. The group is designed to serve Western NY, from Utica to Buffalo, from Watertown

to Binghamton.

The group does not as of yet have a public P.O. box, so anyone wishing to contact them may do so by writing: Angela Sheedy, c/o TAPESTRY, Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778

Merissa Sherrill Lynn personally knows the leadership of this group, and will vouch for the quality of the leadership.

NEW GROUP - WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

There is a new social group called 'TRANSPITT' forming in Pittsburgh PA. The group is non-profit, has an open membership policy, and is strictly non-sexual. The group is designed to serve anyone within a 2-hour drive of Pittsburgh.

'Transpitt' does not as of yet have a public P.O. box, so anyone wishing to contact them may do so by writing: 'Transpitt', c/o TAPESTRY, Box 19, Wayland MA 01778

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NEW GROUP - SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

There is a new social group forming in the Ft Lauderdale/Miami area. The group will be non-profit, have an open membership policy, and will be strictly non-sexual. The group is designed to serve the SE Florida area.

Anyone wishing to contact them may do so by writing: Nikki Bee, P.O. Box 307, Hollywood, FL 33022

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Now Virginia is up-dating her study to find out how the attitudes, experiences, etc. of cross-dressers today differ from those of 20 years ago. Virginia wants and needs your participation. She needs at least 500 responses to make her study valid. She does however state that her study is for cross-dressers who consider themselves to be heterosexual, and live a regular heterosexual lifestyle.

She is cooperating in this research with a professor of Psychiatry at one University and a Ph.D. candidate at another. If they are successful in getting a good response to the questionnaire ti will be a difinitive work on the subject of Transvestism and will provide more information on the subject than is presently possessed by the whole psychiatric profession.

Again, if you consider yourself to be a heterosexual cross-dresser, your participation is wanted, and it is NEEDED!

Security - Your interest in participation and the questionnaire itself will not require any identification, and Virginia alone will do the vailing, so that everyone's ID will remain confidential. Most of you know that Virginia has always made confidentiality her principle concern, so don't let confidentiality stop you from participating.

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If you are a heterosexual cross-dresser, and willing to participate in Virginia's study, please tear off this portion with your name (adopted name is OK), Street (or P.O., or c/o), and address, and return it to: Virginia Prince, Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036

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Understanding that the questionnaire itself will be anonymous and that

Virginia Prince will handle all the mailings herself and names will not be revealed even to the other members of the research team, I will be glad to help in the collection of data on TVism by filling out the questionnaire.

Send the questionnaire to:

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REPORT
WIVES SUPPORT GROUP
by Stephanie Chandler

Since our last report in 'Tapestry #42', The Tiffany Club Wives Group has met twice. Both meetings were informative and productive for those attending.

The June get-together had seven couples present, and the July meeting had eight couples attend. Each group was a diverse group each with their own problems and with their own reason for attending. Not unlike the inaugural meeting, one particular subject was talked about at length after each couple present had spoken. Perhaps not coincidentally, the subject at both meetings was "Communication."

One wife stated unequivocally "I need the group!" because the group not only provided the encouragement for her talk about her husband's cross-dressing but also about other inter-personal subjects.

When one member stated "How can I talk about when I can't," another member interjected, "Communication is necessary in everything!"

One obeservation made and supported by all present was that everyone accepted the fact that communication was necessary, but we don't always practice it. Each couple confirmed that they had or have communication problems. Communication was defined for the group (after all, we all wanted toa be talking about the same thing..): "a sender sends, and a receiver receives." The key point here is when the message is sent (sender), is the receiver only hearing, or does he/she also listen? It is very important that the receiver understand what was said in the way that the sender said it, and it not be what the receiver 'wanted' to hear.

The Wives Group has met now three times. Each time has been productive for all. We now plan on meeting the second Friday of each month. Please join us.

- END -

(**** The Wives Group is sponsoring a social outing to Provincetown the third weekend of October, and invites all male/female couples, married or unmarried. For information contact: Stephanie or Bobbie Chandler, Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778 (617) 358-5575. -ED)

(Reprinted from the 'Chi Tribune', published by the Chi Chapter. Write: Mary Ann Broer, Box 2055, Des Plaines, IL 60018)

"BE ALL YOU WANT TO BE" WEEKEND
A report by Naomi O.

Almost seventy crossdressers, wives, and special guests attended the "Be All You Want To Be" weekend in Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 7-10, 1984. Cosponsored by Chi Chapter-TRI-ESS, Crossroads (Flint, MI), and Paradise Club (Cleveland) the weekend turned out to be an

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even bigger success than anticipated.

Registered participants came from all over the Midwest and from such distant places as Los Angeles CA., Arcadia FL, Pittsburg PA, and Nova Scotia and Toronto Canada. They were joined by Fred Barry, Editor of the 'Transvestian', Kay Gould (author of "Kay's Way"), Meral Crane (marriage and family counselor and teacher of Human Sexology at Ohio State University Medical School), and Tavy Stone (Fashion Editor of the Detroit News). Tavey is preparing a full length article, with photographs, about the weekend which will appear in the Sunday Magazine section of the 'News' (6th largest newspaper in the U.S.) in six to eight weeks!

One of the many highlights was the "Strut Your Stuff" talent show following the Saturday night banquet. Chi Chapter was well represented by Barbara, who modeled a nurse's uniform and told several jokes; Heidi, who modeled a gown and robe she made herself; Gail, who also told jokes; Lynn and Susie, each of whom performed dance routines to musical accompaniment; and Naomi, who 'wowed' them with her live "Can We Talk Here?" comedy skit! All in all, each of the events and seminars were interesting, informative and well attended. Enthusiasm was high throughout the weekend!

The response from the participants was so good that the leaders and organizers of the event (Naomi, Renee, Elaine, Grace, Evelyn and Sunny) met at 4:00am Sunday morning, and decided to hold a 3rd Annual Weekend in June 1985, at the same site in Ann Arbor. Next year is Crossroads' turn to handle arrangements (Grace, Elaine & Janet) with Naomi and Renee responsible for the program and publicity. Sunny volunteered to plan a special program for wives and girlfriends.

- END -

New Feature:

FICTION

ANOTHER DAY
by Terri Scott

On day number 14,658 of my life I awoke happy. That was normal, for every night I dream of being female, and every morning I awake feeling female, feeling my lovely breasts proudly pointing upwards in my bra under my frilly nightie - feeling happy. However, like any other day, reality quickly returned, and I had to leave my lovely feminine world and face another day as a male - another day of frustration because I could not be me, the real me.

While driving to work I looked into the car ahead of me and encountered my first frustration of many that I would face that day. While stopped at a traffic light, the gal in the car in front of me had flipped down her visor vanity mirror and happily checked her makeup - a minor feminine gesture denied to me.

Karen my secretary, came into my office with a bright cheery, "Good morning Todd!" She was her sweet perky self and as always dressed in a cute outfit. She was wearing a pretty, sheer red blouse with a tan skirt. The blouse was new, I loved it, I wanted it, it didn't come in my size!

"A new blouse Karen? Very pretty."

"Thank you Todd, you always notice when I wear something new. Do you want your coffee now?"

"Yes." Yes, I always noticed. I just hoped my envy didn't show. I made five times what she did and would have changed places with her in a moment. People might say that I'm crazy. Maybe I am, but I would still change places with her.

A little before 10:00, Carol arrived, late as usual and dressed as usual in jeans and a sweatshirt, braless as always and probably not wearing any panties - as usual. She had let everyone in the office know that she hated binding clothes like bras, panties, pantyhose, etc. Despite her nonconformity, her femininity showed through. No one would ever

mistake her for a boy with her long, silky brown hair, her lovely feminine facial features, her large sparkling eyes that she wisely accentuates with mascara and eye shadow. Her body was small, it might be called boyish but the soft feminine roundness of her derriere and the wideness of her hips told you she was all woman. "God, what I could do with a face and body like that! I could be the cutest, sexiest young thing alive if only I were her and she I. Why, why, why....."

The day moved on, number 14,658 approached noontime. The secretaries were laughing and chatting away making plans for lunchtime shopping trips. I wanted to go with them. Jim broke into my daydream of a lovely feminine lunchtime shopping trip with an exciting offer, "Hey Todd, the guys are going to Dreary Cleary's for a beer and burger. How about it? Sally will probably be shaking her ass for the guys and showin' some tit. It should be fun."

Fun. Some fun - five beer drinking slobs acting like high school kids making dumb sexual remarks to tease Sally. There would be plenty of crude talk, imagined sexual achievements and yesterday's football game disected by Monday morning quarterbacks. I wanted to go with the girls but wound up with the boys. Silently I listened to them and watched them and wondered what I was doing there. I didn't belong there. I was not one of them. Why did men behave so? This was fun? This was life? I didn't belong there. I was not one of them.

Walking back to the office, I sneakily glanced at the store windows. That black and white dress was beautiful! I wanted it. I at least wanted to look at it closely and think how I would look in it. I didn't dare look at it again. I filed it in my memory. I must come back again soon, after work - I have to see it again and imagine me in it.

"Wow. Did you see the knockers on her? What a set!"

"Man, I sure would like to get my hands on them. I'd make her so happy she'd beg for more, a lot more. Hey Todd, what did you think of that sweetie?"

"What? Oh, yeah, she was cute."

"Cute? Man did you see the same broad I did? Todd, come on buddy, while you're daydreaming you're missing some of the greatest ass this city has to offer."

I was daydreaming alright, but he would never know about what. These guys would really let me have it if they knew who I really was. God, it would be hell but if just once they could see me, the real me not knowing that it was me, I'd make their heads turn, and more. I'd blow their minds, then they could imagine making love to me.

Kathy sat at her desk putting on her lipstick. I watched her and dreamed the impossible dream of what it would be like to be her. Apparently I watched her too closely, "Is there something I can do for you Mr. Johnson?"

"No, Kathy, nothing at all." I had to be more careful about my observations, or it would get around that I was some kind of weirdo. They should only know, it would confirm it to all of them. How I wished that I could be her, or Karen, or Carol, or that girl this morning checking her makeup in her visor vanity mirror. How I wish - I've spent my whole life wishing over and over the same thing, to be a female....to no avail.

Lisa was at the copy machine. Her beautiful long polished nails looked fantastic. If only I could let my nails grow like that. They were already too long for a man. Alison commented on them last week. I couldn't file them down, they looked so pretty when they were polished.

Sharon's long earrings were beautiful. I'd love to have a pair like them but they're for pierced ears. Why couldn't I have my ears pierced?????

There was a lot of feminine chatter in the outer office. I looked to see what was going on. The girls were all excited, Gwen just received a bouquet of flowers from her boyfriend. "Aren't they beautiful Mr. Johnson?"

"They certainly are Gwen, yuou're a lucky gal. He must be a nice guy to be so thoughtful." A lucky gal! She was lucky the day she was born a female. I should have been so lucky. Flowers. The first time someone sends me flowers I probably wouldn't even be alive to enjoy them!

Day 14,658 was drawing to a close.

I had survived. I had done my job well despite all the mental interruptions. The best part of the day lay ahead.

Then Jack stuck his head into my office. "Todd, how about joining us over at Henry's for a few?" Damn! I wanted to go home and be me, but I had refused stopping after work so many times, did I dare do it again? "Come on Todd, a bachelor like you doesn't have to rush home, or do you? Do you have some lovely young thing waiting for you?"

"Wish I did. Okay I'll stop by for a little while." 'Tina' was waiting for me, but I couldn't very well tell him that. Well, I would get out of there as soon as I could. What a waste of time.

There I sat in Henry's playing the role, just one of the boys. I wondered how many of the rest were wearing lace bikini panties underneath their male clothes? I wondered if Jim or Dan polished their toenails or shaved their legs like I did? Maintaining the male facade, I pretended to be enjoying myself, I wasn't. A tall, slender blonde walked through the door, a bar room filled of male eyes turned to admire her striking beauty. She gave that look of total aloftness to the stares but she knew and she naturally was enjoying the attention. What she didn't know was that there was one set of male eyes that were looking at her with envy and wishing that he could be her.

They were everywhere, women that I wanted to be.

I stopped at the drugstore on the way home. I wanted to pick up the new issues of COSMOPOLITAN and VOGUE. "I really should buy some mascara too." Did I dare? I went through this every time I wanted to buy something for Tina; stopping at stores far away from home just in case the clerk guessed that I was 'one of those'.

Finally home, I was exhausted but I had to become me. The excitement and joy of creating Tina would overcome my tired feelings. A new energy would sweep through me, as it always did. Finally, I saw my feminine self looking back at me in the mirror. She was happy, I was happy because 'she' is me and I am her - Tina, the lady who is the real me.

No one but another male like me could understand the joy I experienced at that moment. All the problems, frustrations, anxieties of leading two lives disappeared.

I didn't ask to be born male, nor did I ask to be a TV, but like so many others, I know that I could never ever give it up. Tina is me, the real me, and her and I shall be one forever.

It's late. I must destroy Tina. I wanted to be Tina forever, but I knew that tomorrow was another day that I must face as Todd. I stalled by putting everything away that I could put away before I destroyed Tina and put her away. Finally, I reluctantly removed my nailpolish. Nails look so much prettier polished, why must I remove the polish? Always why? I knew why, but that brought me back to the same old question that had haunted my psyche for 14,658 days, why was I born a male with these desires instead of the female I was meant to be.

It was time to face the inevitable, I removed my wig and destroyed Tina - destroyed me. I still had my silky nightie to curl up in, and as I laid down in bed and slowly drifted off to sleep in feminine happiness, I thought of tomorrow, day 14,659, just another day that I must again face as Todd, despite the femininity that ran throughout my being.

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MWM TV, 27, 6', easy going, friendly, attractive, engineering student. Interested in boating, skiing, and especially interested in meeting other TVs from the Worcester MA area.
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Participant DREAM, Tiffany's Weekend
Blonde, blue eyes, 40, 5'11, 155, lifetime TV, attractive, pleasant, well-educated. Enjoys skiing, most outdoor activities.
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Participant DREAM, Shangri-La West
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KAREN V (Northern NJ)
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SWM hetero TV, 38, 5'8, 155, good personality and sense of humor. Adventouress. "A classical music nut, Ialso enjoy card & word games, karate (black belt),skiing, and gourmet food. I would like to meet women who share some of these interests and are open minded about the cross dressing scene.
Karen V (N. NJ) c/o Tiffany
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RENEE CARROLL (Southeast CT)
Member GGA, Albany TVIC
Participant Tiffany's Weekend '82, Fantasia Fair, Shangri La, DREAM '83
SWM hetero TV, 40, 6'+. Interests range from American history to the causes of transgenderism. Also enjoy cooking, travel and outdoor pursuits, photography, and the feminine gender role.
Miss Renee Carroll, Box 231, Stratford CT 06497
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MARILYN ANN MURRAY (Western NY)
Member GGA, Albany TVIC, Shangri La
TV/TS, 34, 5'8, single. Enjoys water skiing, fishing, hunting, oil painting, tennis, horseshoes, canoeing, & swimming. "I like to dress in skirty dresses and hi heels and just being Marilyn as much as I can. Just a country girl."
Ms Marilyn Ann Murray, Box 134, Maple Springs NY 14756
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MERISSA SHERRILL LYNN (New Hampshire)
Executive Sectretary Tiffany Club
Editor TV/TS Tapestry
SWM TV, 42, 6', 200, BA philosophy, athletically oriented (pro skier 8 years), ACBL (bridge player) life master, enjoy singing, and love the wilderness, the flowers, and listening to the birds sing. The objective I strive for both for myself and others is good health, happiness, and peace of mind.
"I'm a very caring person, and prefer to work on behalf of others. (I'm your basic TV missionary.) Unfortunately it's very difficult for me to keep up with personal correspondance. However, I do want to meet people who are interested in taking a leadership role in the TV/TS Community. So, if you are a leader-type person and willing to put out some effort to help others, write to me, or better, give me a call. (If you happen to be female, and also a very nice person, you can write or call as well.
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AUDREY M (Eastern MA)
Secretary, Mayflower Society
MWM bi-TV, 50, 155, 5'10, nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6.
Neil Moses, Sec. Mayflower Society, Box 66, Allston, MA 02134
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CARLA E. GOLDSNIDER (Central CT)
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Malinda A. (WI) c/o Tiffany
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ELAINE WILLEY (Michigan)
Information Distribution Upper Midwest
Membera Tri Ess, Albany TVIC, Crossroads, Paradise Club. (Involved in the leadership of the latter two groups.)
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend
Awarded F/F 'Miss Femininity'
Hetero TV (possibly TG), 48, single. Interested in classical music (especially opera), hi-fi, fashion, psychology, and philosophy. "I do not seek extensive personal correspondence, but will answer requests for information and will meet with people in my area who wish to attend meetings."
Elaine Willey, c/o Crossroads, Box 1298, Flint, MI 48501
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DEE G (Central CT)
MWM TV, 35, 6', slim and attractive, honest and outgoing. Likes outdoor activities whatever they may be, with some indoor activities thrown in for spice. Would enjoy meeting friends of Tiffany as I travel a lot.
Dee G (Ct) c/o Tiffany
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VIRGINIA HUNT (E. Massachusetts)
Tiffany Keyholder
Participant Tiffany's Weekend
Pre-op TS, 43, 5'6, 150, attractive and passes well. Enjoys dancing, and long drives. Is a country girl at heart. Would like to correspond with other TSs and interesting people.
Virginia Hunt, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778
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WINNIE BRANT (Northern New York)
Member: Albany TVIC, Tri Ess
Participant: Fantasia Fair, DREAM
Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair
Hetero TV, 52, 6'2, a lady. Have many interest, scientific and culturally oriented. Love to travel.
Mr Winton Brant, Box 741, Schenectady NY 12301
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AMANDA J (Central Connecticut)
Member Tri Ess, GGA
MWM hetero TV 48, 5'9. Like music, museums, theater, old cars and economics. I am pleasant, passable, prim and proper when dressed. Prefer one-on-one situations rather than large gatherings.
Amanda J (CT) c/o Tiffany
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HELEN T (Southern NH)
Tiffany General Member
Participant Fantasia Fair, Tiffany's Weekend
MWM TV, 46, 5'11. Recently out of the closet. Hope to make social contacts in the TV Community.
Helen T, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778
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MARY LOU H (Western Canada)
Participant: Fantasia Fair, Joyce Dewhursts's Poconos Weekend
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Occupant, Box 7125, Nashua, NH 03060
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JUDY LEIGH S (Northeast MA)
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JENNIFER B. (Central MA)
Member Tri Ess
Participant Lee Brewster's P-town Weekend '83
5'6, 24, 110, attractive, pleasant, charming TV, good dancer, dark medium hair. Enjoys cooking, ballroom dancing, theatre, movies, bowling, and reading TV books. "The feminine must be expressed if the body and mind are to be whole."
Ms Jennifer B., P.O. Box 553, Holden, MA. 01520
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LEE ARSNAL (Central ME)
Member Albany TVIC
MWM 5'10, 175. Enjoys jogging, skiing, hunting, fishing, motorcycles, and also indoor sports. Wants to learn more about being a woman. Would love to correspond with others who share her interests. Will answer all.
Lee Arsnal (ME) c/o Tiffany
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DIANE MARIE VEE (Northeast MA)
Tiffany General Member
MWM, hetero TV, 34, 5'5, attractive, sensative and discreet, and does care about others. A life long TV who has undergone the usual ups and downs of being a TV. Is interested in perfecting her female image, particularly through make-up. "I play tennis and work out regularly. I am interested in meeting those who are accomplished TVs and would ultimately like to go out in public dressed."
Diane Marie Vee, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778
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BECKY BUCHANAN (Philadelphia PA)
Member Phi Chapter GGA
Participant Lee Brewster's P-town Weekend '83
SWM, hetero TV, 25, 5'10, 160,quiet. Enjoys art, and the movies. "I'm looking forward to meeting many of my sisters and especially those near my own age who pass easily and would like to go out dressed with me."
Becky Buchanan (PA) c/o Tiffany
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PAULA LOUISE RIORDAN (Eastern MA)
Tiffany General Member
MWM hetero TV,52,5'8", 160, soft spoken, easy going, friendly. Enjoys history, philosophy, religion, cosmetology, fashion, cooking and ballet. "I've just come out and would love to learn how to pass and to help other newcomers."
Paula Louise Riordan, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778
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SHERRY LORRAINE (Eastern MA)
Tiffany Keyholder member
Participant: Tiffany's Spring Outing, Lee Brewster's P-town Outing '83
WM, 38, red hair, blue eyes, 5'9 in heels, fair complexion and an easy going personality. Enjoys motorcycle touring, skiing, computers, walks along the ocean, and dancing. "I enjoy passing in public, making new friends, traveling, shopping and girl to girl chants on makeup, dress and mannerisms."
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"I'm sexually oriented towards women. I adore women, to the point of trying to emulate 'em in every detail. I would love to correspond with TVs and TSs that are looking for friendship, not sex."

Diana Lalinde (NJ) c/o Tiffany

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SHIRLEY KAY KNIGHT (Colorado)
Member M.R.S.
Participant Tiffany's P-town Weekend '83

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Shirley K (CO) c/o Tiffany

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DENISE W (Boston MA)

SWM bi TV, 33, 5'8, fairly attractive, overweight, but losing. Enjoys rock & country music, video taping, reading. Wishes to meet friendly people who can take pictures. Can entertain in my home. Have video player, with many TV tapes.

Denise W (Boston) c/o Tiffany

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JANICE HEUKLOM (S.E. Massachusetts)
Member Tri Ess, Albany TVIC
Participant Fantasia Fair

59, 5'6, 150, divorced. Enjoys country music, movies and nice restaurants. Wants to meet other TVs to assist her in understanding herself.

Janice H (SE MA) c/o Tiffany

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MURIAL E. (Delaware)
Member Tri Ess
Hetero, 5'8, retired. Has been crossdressing many many years. Loves to visit. Enjoys model building, and photography.
Murial E. (DE) c/o Tiffany
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DEE DEE W (Hartford CT)
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Dee Dee W (CT) c/o Tiffany
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CONNIE RANE (Western PA)
Member GGA
SWM TV, 5'-8", 155, 34, brown hair, brown eyes. Enjoys skiing, back packing, & country music.
"Am very interested in corresponding with and meeting other crossdressers, especially in the Pittsburg area."
Connie Rane, Box 465, Indiana, PA 15701
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SHARON MC. (Southeast MA)
Tiffany Club General Member
Participant, Fantasia Fair
WM TV, 36, 5'6", 140. Enjoys everything feminine. "I'm shy but trying to be more open, especially with my crossdressing. I'm a non-drinker. I'm looking for the help and support of the TV/TS Community to better understand mysle, and would like to meet other TVs & TSs and women for shopping, travel, photos and fun."
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ELLEN S (Oregon)
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Participant DREAM '78,'80,'83
Grande Dame DREAM '83
Hetero TV, early 50's, 5'11. Enjoy music (big band era) and traveling. Would like to meet sisters and discuss mutual interests in feminine subjects.
Ellen S., c/o NWGGA, Box 13173, Portland OR 97213
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SARA LEE ROBERTS (Central MA)
Hetero TV, 43, 5'8, attractive, pleasant, quiet. Enjoys music, high fashion, and cooking (especially with natural foods). Would like to correspond and possibly meet people with similar interests.
Sara Lee Roberts, c/o Tiffany
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I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON AROUND HERE. ALL OF MY BEST STUFF IS DISAPPEARING!

LAURA R. COVINGTON (Northern CA)
Member GGA, Tri Ess, Shangri-La
MBM, hetero, 35, 5'8". Attractive, pleasant, understanding. Interested in contacting TVs and women. "I have many interest, and will answer all."
Laura R. Covington, P.O. Box 10431, Oakland, CA 94610
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R. SUZANNE C. (Southeast MA)
Participant: Tiffany's Spring Outing
WM CD, 50's, 6'.
"I've had long involvement with cross-dressing and am totally addicted to its joys. I enjoy cooking, golf, engineering snd, most important, my no. 1 hobby, dressing. I'm a shy girl with an easy-going personality and wish to establish friendships with other girls (CD or female) so that we may share both our joys and our frustrations and come to s better understandiang of this wonderful feminine world. If you're sensible and discreet, I would like to hear from you. Will answer all letters.
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CINDY V (Central CT)
WM hetero TV, 26, 5'8, 155. Enjoy 60's music, photography, psychology, hooking rugs, fishing and helping others. I would like to make some TV friends through Tiffany and will answer all letters.
Cindy V (CT) c/o Tiffany
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BOBBIE B (South Shore MA)
SWM, 47, bi, enjoy lingerie. Easy going, good looks, trim build, would like to hear from other TV/TSs. Will answer all.
Bobbie B (SE MA) c/o Tiffany
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BARBARA MILES (Eastern MA)
WM, TS, 6'2", 35, attractive. Enjoys fashion, skiing, being a total woman. "I would like to meet other TVs or TSs on a one to one basis to share mutual interests, and love of the female side of me.
Barbara Miles, Box 68, Needham, MA 02192
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PAT C. (New Hampshire)
BiWM, 30, attractive, slim, bearded, intelligent. Enjoys jazz, Japanese art, germane conversation. "I would like to meet attractive, feminine TV/TS's for fun."
Pat C. (NH) c/o Tiffany
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HOLLY CROSS (East/Central MA)
Tiffany General member
Participant Tiffany's P-town Weekend, Lee Brewster's P-town Weekend
SWM TV, 60, size 22 tall. Is a radio ham, and classical music buff. Enjoys cooking (not well), sewing, snorkeling, walking the dog, and chasing clothing markdowns. "I'm looking for friends to meet when I'm in Orange County CA. I'd also be glad to talk by phone."
Holly Cross, c/o Box 19, Wayland MA 01778
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BARBARA N. (Western NY)
35, married, 5'11", 165, brown hair & eyes; some electrlysis, no hormones. Enjoys shopping for clothes/shoes, movies, listening to music.
"I've been crossdressing for 25 years, but have very little contact with other TV-TSs. I'm not passable yet, butwith encouragement and practice I will be. I'm interested in meeting other married TVs to share exciting times wtih crossdressing. I have an extensive wardrobe that I would love to share."
Occupant, P.O. Box 1803, Rochester, NY 14603
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BELLE D. (Northeast MA)
Artist. Does not "pass", but integrates feminine ways into life. would identify with isolation feelings. Interested in matters of social concern, visual, and culinary pursuits. Would be willing to correspond with totally honest, candid persons.
Belle D. (NE MA) c/o Tiffany
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ESTHER LOUISE R. (Washington)
Member GGA, Albany TVIC
Participant DREAM '83
Hetero TV, 74, and can get along with anybody who isn't a liar or a thief. Interested is social contacts, radio maintainance, flying (ex-pilot), music (plays the organ), and cooking.
"Christoper Morley once said, 'There is only one success — to spend your life in your own way.' That is what I would like. To spend my life in my own way." L.E. Randle (WN) c/o Tiffany
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JAIME R. (Rhode Island)
Member: Halcyon Society
TV (possibly TS), 5'10", 145, brown eyes and hair. Enjoys rock & roll and country music, gardening, and fishing.
"I would like to make friends with other TVs and TSs, and learn more about my femme side."
Jaime R. (RI) c/o Tiffany
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CAROLYN COOPER (Georgia)
WM TV, 28, 180. Interested in correspondence with other TVs to echange views and information.
"I have been dressing since I was 8, but am just finding out about the TV scene now. I'm still a closet Tv but hopeto meet others to help me out."
Carolyn Cooper (GA) c/o Tiffany
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LORA W. (Philadelphia, PA)
Member: Tri-Ess, Chi Delta Mu
MWM, 69, 6'1", 195. Hetero. Enjoys model building, crewel & needlepoint.
"Will correspond with those who are sincere, have a nice wardrobe, and enjoy dressing."
Lora W. (Phila PA) c/o Tiffany
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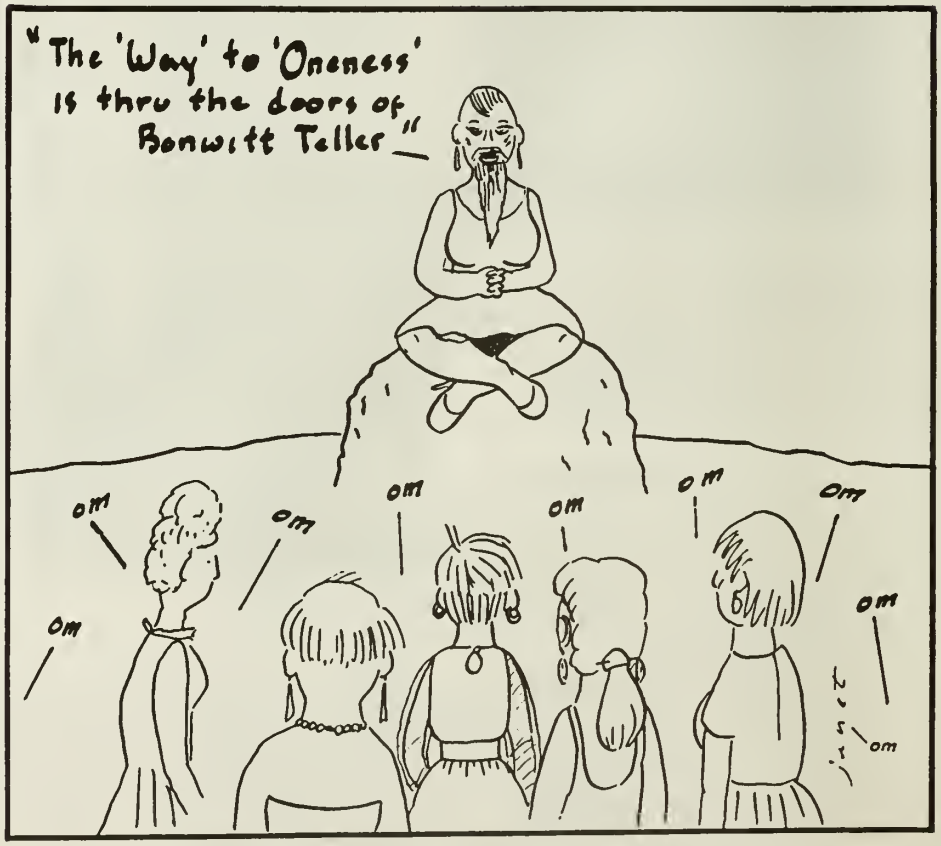

Danielle Moran (Southern California)

DANIELLE M (Southern CA)
SWM TV, 37, 5'9", 150, attractive, discrete and very sincere.
Interests: Music, professional photography, high heels & corsetry, and exploration of the feminine mystique.
"I enjoy friendships with other TVs/TSs through correspondence and meetings/photo exchange. I enjoy helping others with their makeup, photography & femme image."
Danielle, c/o John Moran Photography, P.O. Box 1108, So. Pasadena, CA 91030
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PAULA A. (Southeast NY)
MWM closet TV (approx 35 yrs), 55, 5'9", 170, medium build, conservative in dress and manner. Non-smoker. Enjoys carpentry, photography, writing, shopping, and dining fully dressed.
Paula A (SE NY) c/o Tiffany
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MELANIE SUMMERS (Eastern MA)
TV, 5'6", 130, blue eyes, passes on occasion. Enjoys rock and folk music, science, parapsychology, movies, and miniskirts.
"I have been into transvestism for 9 years. I want to make social contact with other TVs."
Melanie S. (E. MA) c/o Tiffany
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MARY D. SULLIVAN (Boston)
TV, possible TS. Tall, caring, warm,good sense of humor. Likes to go out. Enjoys movies, plays, sports, comedy & exercise. "I would like to meet friendswho like all of the above, & who would give me as much encouragement as I with them. *Would also like transportation to Tiffany's. Will share expenses."
Mary Sullivan, c/o Tiffany
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KATHY LEE (Georgia)
Participant Fantasia Fair 82 & 83
Hetero crossdresser, 5'10, divorced, 39. Enjoys running, camping, hiking, and unusual trips. "I have learned the most about myself over the last three years. I enjoy sharing and discussing the positive possibilities of our 'hobby'." "I am so glad to have found all of you."
Kathy Lee (GA) c/o Tiffany
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IRIS HANNA (Southeast PA)
Member: GGA (Phi Chapter)
Participant: Fantasia Fair '83
6', 150, Size 12. Interested in architecture, boating, fine crystal, porcelain, & other objects of beauty. Also enjoys dancing and listening to music.
"I prefer the feminine side of my personality. I'm straight forward, and like the finer things in life. Although I'm outgoing, I tend to be on the quieter side."
Iris H. (S.E. PA) c/o Tiffany
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TRACY ANN WOOLDRIDGE (Chicago IL)
Member: Windy City Chapter GGA
Participant: Tiffany's Holiday Outing
Ex-professional impersonator (a little bit crazy), 5'7", 165, great legs! Enjoys dancing, music, passing in public, reading, and making and meeting friends.
Tracy W (IL) c/o Tiffany
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SARAH-ANNE DENTON (Florida)
Life-time TV, 70 (retired), 5'6", 163, light brown hair.
Interests: Antiques, flea markets, model RR, reading and traveling.
Will answer all.
Sarah-Anne Denton, P.O. Box 8931, Naples, FL 33941
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KELLY ANN S. (Wisconsin)
Member: Wisconsin TV Network
Tall, attractive TV, dark hair, green eyes, long legs. Owns 'Van James Photography'. Interests include photography, makeup, stand up comedy and community theatre.
"I am a professional portrait pbotographer specializing in feminine glamour. I love the sophisticated feminine look. All my efforts as a TV go into passing. I love nylons & heels. I'm seeking friendship and idea sharing with other TVs, TSs, & GGs.
Kelly Ann Schoonover, Box 811, Waukesha, WI 53187-0811

BARBARA SHERWOOD (Delaware)
Member: GGA Phi Chapter, Tri Ess
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
DWM, 40's, tall & slender, good appearance. Have been told I have great legs! Enjoy high fashion, cooking, reading, travel.
"I love correspondence with other sisters, meetings when possible."
Barbara Sherwood, P.O. Box 315, Milford, DE 19963
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CAROL JENNINGS (Greater Boston MA)
SWM hetero TV, 32, 6', attractive, sensitive, perfectionist. Interested in music, travelling, women's shoes, and beautiful legs.
"I enjoy going out on tbe town, and being with women. I would like to meet other TVs, especially those that have a fetish for shoes."
Carolyn Jennings (E. MA) c/o Tiffany
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TERENCE S (Rhode Island)
F-M TS, 18, 5'2, blonde hair, blue eyes, very shy.
Interests: Music, dancing, sailing, skiing.
"I would like to hear from other TSs and TVs, and would especially like to correspond with another TS."
Terence S (RI) c/o Tiffany
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KAY GOULD (Nortbern CA)
Member: GGA, Tri Ess, Paradise Club
Attractive and outgoing. Loves tbe femme life, and loves to date and travel to many cities where sbe appreciates escorts and company. Very accomplished, and frequently travels dressed. Enjoys bigh fashion, good music, and paraculture friends. Writes a monthly column called 'Kay's Way' for a TV newspaper, and generally has a positive view of TVs.
Kay Gould, c/o Kay's Way, Box 255, Sacramento, CA 95802
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ROI A. (New Jersey)
Member GGA
Black, 35, 6'5", 200. Interested in the outdoors, flowers, old cars, and becoming more feminine.
"I would very much like to meet friends, to be me, and live happily ever after."
Roi A. (NJ) c/o Tiffany
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DEE SMITH (Maryland)
DWM hetero TV, 50, 5'10", caring, considerate, happy with life, and likes people. Enjoys boating, limited night life, and occasionally a meal in plush surroundings.
"In my work I spend a lot of time by my self so I do a lot of reading, am self-disciplined enough to accept myself as I am - but adventurous and can accept challenges."
Dee Smith (MD) c/o Tiffany
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CAROL TAYLOR (Northern NY)
MWM, 40, attractive (I'm told). Interests include golf, skiing, and femininity. Sincere, interest in helping otbers, especially with figure problems. Wee-read and experienced in foundations and lingerie. Will answer all. Photo always apprciated.
Carol Taylor, Box 8831 Acadamy Sta., Albany, NY 12208
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BOBBIE C. (Boston, MA)
Tiffany General member
WM TV/TS, 31. "I'm looking for help in my transformation into womanhood. I'm quiet, shy, and somewhat submissive at times. I enjoy bowling, movies, long walks, fireside talks, and long drives down the coast. I'm looking for friendship and understanding from otber females, males, TSs, and anyone willing to help me, or who wants to be friends. I love everything soft and feminine, and want to be friends with all who wisb to help. Please write."
Bobbie C., P.O. Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778
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EVELYN BORDON (Kansas)
Member: GGA, Tri-Ess
Tall, sensitive TV in mid 30's trying hard to pass really well, sensitive and require discretion, go slow approacb. Interests: Finding friendly shops, going out dressed witha genuine lady to accompany me. Also interested in exploring new areas of crossdressing.
"Would like to explore electrolysis and hormones. Would also like to see an article on artificial nails, application, sources, etc. Would like to get more information on transgender lifestyle and more interest in my local area."
Evelyn Bordon (KS) c/o Tiffany
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SUSAN A. (Southeast MA)
Participant: Fantasia Fair
WM TV, 37, 5'7", 150. Has been crossdressing and loving it for twenty years now. Considered passable and attractive. Loves collecting and wearing all kinds of feminine clothing, especially lingerie.
"I would enjoy corresponding with and meeting other TVs with similar interests. Please write!"
Susan A. (SE MA) c/o Tiffany
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VICTORIA RICHARDS (North Carolina)
WM, 26,, 6'. Very sincere, honest person, affectionate and caring of other people.
Interests: Photography, painting, music, all outdoor sports. Loves to go shopping.
"I would very much like to attend Crossdressers Outings in the future. I would also like to meet other TV/TSs in my area."
Victoria Richards (NC) c/o Tiffany
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JENNIFER S (So. Central Maine)
Participant: Fantasia Fair
MWM, 6'1", can wear size 16, dresses conservatively.
Interests: Music, and winter sports.
"I like to be as feminine as possible. I'm interested in possibly meeting other TVs in south central Maine for dressing and improving feminine image."
Jennifer S (So. Cntrl ME) c/o Tiffany
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CONNIE N. (Western NY)
Member: GGA, Tri Ess, Crossroads Chapter, Paradise Club, Beaumont Society
MWM TV, 5'5", 123. A plain, ordinary, dull hetero-male crossdresser, with a very supportive wife. Likes clean cut, attractive clothes and pretty heels. Loves to correspond and exchange photos and general chit-chat. All letters promptly answered.
C.M. Nichols, Box 0734, Jamestown, NY 14702
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MEREDITH W. (New Jersey)
SWM, bi-TV, 27. Tends to be shy. Interested in chess, history, astronomy, archaeology, card games, candlelite dinners, and long walks on the beach. Also interested in hearing from any TV or TS (especially TVs my own age) for mutual help, support, and friendship.
"I tend to be self-conscious, and mistrustful of others. Even so, I try to listen, and help if I can. I think what I need is proof that there are others such as myself. Will answer all promptly."
Meredith W. (NJ) c/o Tiffany
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BARBARA B (Long Island, NY)
Member: NYC GGA
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekends
Awards: Poconos 'Miss Poise' (twice), Poconos 'Miss Realistic'
MWM TV, 44, 5'10", slim. Likes to be helpful, is thoughtful, courteous, honest & discreet. Values trustworthiness & dependability. Enjoys classic fashions, all kinds of music, dancing, parties, & pen pals. Loves women & all things feminine.
"I would enjoy meeting and writing to other sensible sisters."
Barbara B (LI NY) c/o Tiffany
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TERRI K (New York City)
Young, interesting, dynamic, amateur TV.
Interests: Meeting other young discreet TVs who can help me realize my feminine side through clothing and make-up.
Terri K (NYC) c/o Tiffany
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JOAN MARIE GREY (Los Angeles CA)
Member: Tri Ess, GGA, Shangri-La, Outreach Institute
49 year old part time TV, 5'11, 180. Interested in being a woman, enjoys the theater, books, cooking, and model railroading.
"I wish to be able to dress more often and to go to TV functions."
Joan Grey (L.A. CA) c/o Tiffany
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JULIE COOK (East Central MA)
SWM, 36, 5'9", 150, brown hair & eyes. Interested in transvestite activities, camping, movies, some rock concerts.
"I would like to meet a male or female for understanding friendship,. or long term relationship."
Julie C (E. MA) c/o Tiffany
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MELISSA S. (Southeast MA)
MWM, 6'2", good looking, well proportioned, 37, educated. Love sheer lingerie, high heels and just being a woman. "I seek correspondence and/or meeting with understanding females who can assist me with make-up,clothes selection, any basic support, etc., during my new transition."
Melissa S (SE MA) c/o Tiffany
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HOW TO BE A LADY, lesson #35: 'A lady always knows the appropriate topics for discussion in a sophisticated social setting.'

JOHNNIE D (Pittsburg, PA)
Member: Paradise Club
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing, Lee Brewster's P-town Outing, Paradise Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend

MWM, 36, 5'5". Passes very well (has spent an entire weekend dressed in NYC with no problems). Loves travel, shopping, dressing, theater, music, and dancing.

"I am beginning a group in Pittsburgh. Any TV in the Tri-State area can contact me for information through Tiffany."

(Johnnie D. (Pitts PA) c/o Tiffany
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JOAN V. (Boston, MA)

"I would like to dress more, and meet someone with whom I could dress (preferably in the Boston area). I'm told I'm good looking. Please contact me.

Joan V. (Boston) c/o Tiffany
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HEIDI W. (SW Florida)

WM TV. 76, 5'6", 155-160, demure, a bit shy, has some physical gynandromorphism.
autiful clothes, hen parties, and girl talk.

"I would love to get to know other TVs who are fond of the above."

Heidi W (SW FL) c/o Tiffany
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JENNIFER BARTON (Boston, MA)

MWM, 6'4", 205, brown hair, blue eyes, sensitive, caring.

Enjoys Biking, music, video, basketball, some tennis, feeling & looking beautiful (hopefully).

"I would like to meet someone in the Boston area who is interested in fashion and could help me with clothes, makeup, etc (TV, TS, or F). I will answer all mail."

Ms Jennifer Barton, Box 622, Allston Sta., Allston, MA 02134
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VIKI MC. (Eastern MA)

Bi TV, 37, 5'10", 180. Enjoys fashion, movies, dancing, quiet romantic evenings.

"I'd like to meet experienced TVs with similar interests to help bring me out."

Viki Mc (E. MA) c/o Tiffany
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DONNA WALLACE (Southern NH)
Tiffany General Member

6'2, MWM TV, 38, brown hair, blue eyes, light complexion. "I'm interested in improving my female transformation through fashion, make-up & mannerisms. I enjoy all sports, music, and motorcycles. I'm just coming out, and seek discreet contacts only. Will respond to all letters A.S.A.P."

Donna Wallace, c/o Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778
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JANET LOUISE B. (S.E. MA., R.I.)
Secretary, Halcyon Society of RI
Member: Halcyon Society
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
SWM, TV, 33, 5'11", in stocking'ed feet. Conservative in dress & deed. Enjoys music, photography, computers.
"Our name 'Halcyon' implies our wishes for peace, bappiness and prosperity for all our friends. Halcyon days indeed! Won't you come and join us?"
Janet B., c/o Halcyon Society, Box 143, North Ki8ngston, RI 02852
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LINDA JENSEN (Ontario, Canada)
Member: Gateway Gender Alliance, Transvestites Au Montreal, Beaumont Society
Hetero MWM TV, mid 30's.
Enjoys sports, cross-dressing, and dancing.
"My job and family responsibilities give me few chances to dress, so when I do, I do it with vigour. I can travel several times a year, and have been in drag in some of the world's great cities (including Boston)."
Linda Jensen, Box 15855 Sta. F, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1C-3S7
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CAMILE MC. (Southeast NY)
Member: Chi Delta Mu Chapter - Tri Ess
Hetero cross-dresser, 71, 5'10", 164, methodist, widower. Honest, & security conscious. Doesn't drink, smoke or gamble, loves & enjoys people, and lives by the old-fashioned 'golden rule' and a strict moral code.
Enjoys cross-dressing, & repairing things around the house. Loves C&W music, writes music & plays various instruments. Taught drumming.
"I'm just out of the closet and I love it. I'm a widower for 6 years, and would love to meet a nice woman who will accept me part time en femme, or better as 'sister companion', and sometimes as male companion."
C.A.M. Mc., Box 207, Pelham, NY 10803
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KATHRYN GREALY (Southeast MA.)
MWM, 42, 5'9", 120, shy.
Enjoys embroidery and gardening. Would like to know how to sew & knit.
"I would like to meet a person on the South Shore (MA.) who can offer help & support in dress, make-up, & poise. I spend much time traveling the U.S.A.
Kathryn A. Grealy, Box 764, Bryantville, MA 02327
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KAREN K (New Jersey)
Member: Delta Chi Mu Chapter Tri-Ess, GGA
SWM hetro TV, 41, 5'9", 182. Pleasant personality who enjoys meeting people. Interested in photography, camping & hiking, running, all sports, good instrumental music, reading, & stamp collecting.
"I enjoy writing and meeting with sisters. I also travel a great deal. I also enjoy going out dressed, but I'm careful."
Karen K (NJ) c/o Tiffany
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ANDREA BUTLER (Boston, MA)
Tiffany Club General Member
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
Pre-op TS, mit 20's, 5'11", 140.
Enjoys high fashion, new wave music, movies, & anything avant guarde.
"I seek to meet open minded people who share similar interest. I especially would like to befrend passble TVs & TSs in the Boston area. All letters answered, only sincere people need reply."
Andrea Butler, Box 550, 89 Mass. Ave, Boston, MA 02115
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SUSAN M. (Ontario Canada)
MWM bi-TV, 5'11", 158. Enjoys dance music, reading, writing letters, and lingerie.
"I would like to learn more about being a woman and would love to correspond with others who share her interests. Will answer all."
Susan M (Ont Can) c/o Tiffany
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MELODY SUMMERS (Eastern MA)
SWM TV, 31 (looks 24), 5'6", 128. Attractive, educated, and easy-going. Folksinger. Interests include nature, nude beaches, real people, fashion, etc.
"I especially love shopping in my miniskirts. Would like to meet other girls of similar age, appearance, and interests."
Melody Summers (E. MA) c/o Tiffany
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ANGELIQUE (ANGIE) G. BRUMMELL (S. CA.)
Angie describes herself as strong, pretty/handsome, graceful, morally strong, and honest. Interested in ballet and jazzercise, and obtaining information on transvestism, transsexualism and bondage.
Angelique B. (S. CA.) c/o Tiffany
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KIM STEVENS (Illinois)
Member: Gateway Gender Alliance
Hetero SWM, 36, 6', 160, attractive, stylish, pleasant, & sincere.
Interested in all things feminine, make-up, high heels, & lingerie. Also, Photography, home computing, and flying (pilot).
"I'm interested in contacting pretty TVs, TSs, and women. I'm willing to share with and learn from others. Please include photo. Will answer all."
Kim Stevens, Box 817, Oak Lawn, IL 60454
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JACKIE MCDONALD (Southern NH)
Participant: Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Weekend, Tiffany's P-town Outing
WM crossdresser, 40ish, 6'1", 180, reasonably attractive. Interests: Swimming, needlework, woodwork, micro computers. Loves shopping, long walks & Koffee Klatching.
"I reside in southern NH, & would like to meet individuals with similar interests."
Jackie McDonald (S NH) c/o Tiffany
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BARBARA FARMER (Boston MA)
Participant: Susanna Valenti's NY Weekends
WM, mid-forties, very tall.
Interests: Photography, video, TV fiction, model railroad collector.
"I would like to meet friends for shared interests, companionship, fiction exchange, and pleasant dinners. No Drugs!"
Barbara Farmer (Boston) c/o Tiffany
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TERRI J (Eastern MA)
M-F TS, 30, 5'8", brown hair, brown eyes, shy, self-conscious, and would like to meet and make friends with other TSs, TVs, and females who can help me to improve my mannerisms and makeup skills and go out in public dressed. Interested in wood working, movies, swimming, bowling, music, dressing, drives in the country and I have a good sense of humor. So if you're not doing anything, let's get together.
Terri J (E. MA.) c/o Tiffany
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JENNIFER O. (Minnisota)
Member: GGA, Tri Ess
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
SWM hetero TV, 37, 6'2", 37, 175. Better than average looking, well adjusted, professionally employed. Enjoys cross-dressing, playing the organ and piano, taking care of my dog, and playing racquetball.
"I hope to start a social group in Minneapolis-St Paul. I have a wonderful girlfriend who enjoys my cross--dressing, and is a Tapestry subscriber."
Jennifer O. (MN) c/o Tiffany
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PAM VAN BUREN (Northern NY)
Participant: Fantasia Fair '81, '82, '83
TV, 32, 5'8", 130, brown hair, blue eyes, quiet, caring and good humored.
Enjoys skiing, sailing, making clothes, playing music, and being a woman as often as possible. Passes well and enjoys going out dressed.
"I'm interested in meeting and corresponding with people throughout the country, and especially in the Eastern New York - Western Massachusetts area."
Pam Van Buren (N. NY) c/o Tiffany
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JOSEPHINE LOPEZ (Louisiana)
5'5", 140, Hispanic. Interests: Running, tennis. Loves everything feminine, especially high heels & dresses.
"I would love to have TV-TS friends to get together with for ladies talk."
Josephine Lopez, Box 51214, New Orleans, LA 70151
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ANDREA G. (Central Connecticut)
Member: Tri Ess
"I am a 45 year old married heterosexual TV, slim, friendly. I'm interested in sports, reading, theater, music, good food, getting together with a small group of friends. I would like to get to know others who share my interest in crossdressing."
Andrea G. (Cntr CT) c/o Tiffany
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JANICE HILARY (Texas)
MWM lifelong TV. mid 50s, 5'9", 165 (and losing). "I'm a rather shy and reserved lady who passes well and really enjoys wearing tastefull fashions appropriate to my age at every opportunity. My many interests include cooking, travle, music (listening to classical, play sax in concert band) auto sports, photography (I'm a former pro) and most of all, jkust being janice. I'm not a great correspondant but will promise to try very hard to make timelyreplies to any letters. I would also appreciate your photo if you have one."
Janice H (TX) c/o Tiffany
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MICHELLE H. (Boston, MA)
WM TV/TS, 27, 5'9", 145. Attractive and passes well in public.
"My intersts are films, theatre, travel, all kinds of music, fashions, politics and all feminine things. I lead a very busy and full life and want to meet other TV/TSs who are positive people and enjoy their femininity. I am very understanding, caring, sensitive and supportive. Will answer all replies. Please write if you are sincere."
Michelle H. (Boston) c/o Tiffany
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CHERYL A. MCBRIDE (Northern NY)
Information Distribution for Northern NY
Member: GGA
MWM, 33, 5'7", 145. Interests: X-C skiing, photography, carping, dancing (top 40 & ballroom), lively parties & meeting people.
"I'm comfortable & passable in most public situations. I'm very interested in helping others, & public education about our culture. I'm a good & open listener, and want to make more friends near Albany to go out dressed with.
Cheryl A. McBride, Box 6047, Albany, NY 12206
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FICTION

A PIECE OF FICTION, I THINK
by Lizzie Warburton

"Fiction?" she screamed, her voice rising. "Is that what we are calling it this season? Fiction?.....Well, Honey, believe me and believe me real good. If I walk out that door, you'll know it isn't fiction! What we have here is reality! REALITY! In capital letters."

She weaved her way to the bar and mixed another gin and tonic. The argument had been raging for an hour and she needed another drink.

He had been drinking for most of the afternoon, or so it appeared.

Most of her drink disappeared in one long gulp. "You know," she continued, "I simply do not believe this. Not this!" She hesitated, pointing her finger at him in condemnation, then continued, "Another woman - that I could almost accept. But gay? You? Gay?" She threw both hands up in disgust, spilling the remains of her drink on herself. "NO! THAT'S IT! I've put up with a lot in this marriage. Too much! In one way or another I've always been able to reconcile myself to the situation. So who's perfect? I'm certainly not! But now this? Forget it. After twenty two years, my husband turns gay on me. No way! And then you lie about it?"

He had been seated during most of the argument, but now he loomed above her. "I'm not gay, damn it!" he said quietly but menacingly. "Why can't you get that through your thick skull? I AM NOT GAY!" His face was bright purple, and his hands were cupped, as though he wanted to strangle her.

She fled around the bar, putting distance between them. "Don't you lay a hand on me," she admonished. Then her voice became taunting. "The sight of you sickens me." "Go take a look at yourself," she jeered. "Have you been throwing your own private Mardi Gras this afternoon? - Bra - panties - garter belt - hose! And that wig! Who are you supposed to be? Dolly Parton? Don't tell me you're not gay, mister! What man goes around the house dressed like that? Big macho you, who always made so much fun of gays turns out to be gay himself!" - "Oh God!" she exclaimed, slapping herself on the forehead. "So many things are suddenly falling into place. This beach house, just for starters. I couldn't believe it when you wanted to buy it, but now I know why, don't I? My big macho husband wanted to be close to the 'boys', close to his own kind."

"I've never hit you, but, by God - - - - - Don't throw that garbage at me!" He ducked as the slice of lime bounced off the sliding glass door. You're the fag-hag, not I." He ducked again as another slice of lime whistled past his ear. "You're the one who started cultivating the gay neighbors." - two cherries and an olive - You're the one who accepted the invitations and dragged me along, against my better judgement." - She stopped throwing garbage. - "Sure I wanted this place. It's great! And it's a damned good investment. It's worth ten times what we paid for it - but don't throw that 'gay' crap in my face, because it's

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just not true!" His voice cracked, and his hands were shaking.

She began to laugh, somewhat hyusterically. Suddenly everything seemed so funny. No, not funny, but ludicrous. Incidents began to flash through her mind over which she had no control. Her two pregnancies when he had shown such great concern. The way he had consoled her when her mother committed suicide instead of waiting for the cancer to end her life. The first time that they had sex. How she had left him after he confessed to having an affair with a model from his agency. The intensity of their reconciliation. The nauseating fear that gripped them both when their son was thrown from his motorcycle, when they were sure that he would not survive; the joy when he did. Now this! How funny, she thought, how funny he looks, how ridiculous! Why is he standing there dressed like that? That wig, that make-up! Those absurd garments. He's in a state of shock, he's totally unaware at the moment.

"Change, please!" she ordered. "Go wash your face, and take off those ridiculous clothes. I may be really drunk by the time you finish." She hesitated, then added, "I don't think I can take any more of this in a sober state." Tears streaked her cheeks, not from laughter, but from a fear that nothing would ever be quite the same between them again.

Was it only minutes, or hours, or even decades before he returned? She wasn't sure, so engrossed was she in her own thoughts. But when he did she felt like killing him. 'Damn him', she thought. 'How dare he do this to me?' He was dressed only in torn-off jeans and her heartbeat quickened. Raquetball! His body is better than most men's who are only half his age. She handed him a fresh drink. He sat on the barstool beside her, facing a wall of glass beyond which they could see their deck, the beach, and sailboats in the bay.

"I'm slightly drunk as I said I would be," she stated calmly. "And I don't approve of your present attire too much more than I did you last, though for different reasons. But don't you dare move, I'll manage to control myself, somehow!" He smiled and took her hand in his, but she removed it. "I'm sorry," she said, "but you're not getting off the hook that easily. There are too many things I have to know."

"I know, and I'm the only one who can provide the answers. I promise you every word will be the truth. I'm, not sure that I can satisfy your concerns, because I'm not sure how much I understand myself. But the truth, so help me God, is what you will hear. I do suggest that you lay off the gin for now. We may both feel the need to get plastered later. First of all, I am not gay, or even bisexual. The thought of another man messing around with me turns my stomach. That is the God's honest truth; though I am not quite so revolted as I once was by some of the antics that go on around here, I still don't like it. So please believe me on that point, if nothing else. I am not gay." "Now," he continued, "Why? Why was I in that get-up when walked in on me a while ago? Oh God! How can I explain something that I don't even understand? My need to dress in feminine underwear, anything soft and lacey, started when I was a little kid. I got one hell of a beating when I was about twelve; my dear old mother caught me messing around in my sister's room. She threatened to tell my father if I ever did it again. I didn't want to do it, I felt guilty as hell for doing it and I vowed that I would never do it again. How little I knew. I always managed to stay away from it, deny the need for awhile, but only for awhile. Then it was back again and plagued me until I gave in. I guess what I am is a transvestite, not gay, certainly not a drag queen, but a male who enjoys and needs to wear feminine apparel. It's almost as if I am having an affair with myself. I know that sounds stupid. But it seems almost as if my dominant masculine nature entices my weaker feminine nature into some sort of sexual confrontation that rages until I finally relieve the situation through masturbation. I don't want to be anything other than male and masculine. But some small, yet significant, part of my being seems to build up steam and will not be quieted until I indulge in what you saw this afternoon. I don't know of any other way to put it. If you are confused, consider the confusion that I've had to deal with for

all these years."

They had both been staring out at the bay as he talked. Now, he turned to her and tried to take her hand in his once again. She allowed it, her face showing the deep emotion that threatened to erupt from within.

"So, you're not really so perfect after all," she responded with both relief and an edge of bitterness in her voice. "And all this time, I thought you were. I must say that you've covered your tracks very well. I honestly never suspected. I think I feel hurt and somewhat jealous at the moment; you said it's almost as if you were having an affair with yourself. Strange! But I feel excluded, as if you no longer needed me. I feel very much as I did when you had that brief affair with whats-her-face."

"Don't! It's not at all the same. My transvestism has never cut into our time, never diminished my feelings where you are concerned. I've wanted to share this with you, perhaps I should have. It certainly would have been no more traumatic for you than finding out the way you did. I tried to find ways to do so. The time that I bought that kinky black lace stuff for you is one example. I hoped that by you wearing those garments, by being close, that I would get some vicarious satisfaction. I'm not blaming you, but you just didn't go for it. In fact, you were very explicit and told me that if I needed kinky sex, I'd better look somewhere else for it. So I gave up on that approach."

"Is that how whats-her-face happened?" she asked.

"Yes, truthfully. She was into all kinds of bizarre little games. But it was no good. I missed you, I needed you, not her. I still do. That separation proved to me that without you, I'm an empty shell."

"You know," she confessed, "I've always felt so inferior to you. You've always been the major provider, the final decision-maker. The kids worship you. I've always considered you to be so strong, so right, so straight and conservative. Now, suddenly, you're so much more vulnerable. I almost like you better. When you wanted me to wear that black lace underwear that you bought for me, I didn't understand; it seemed so out of character. I feared that you were bored with me and I resented it. Now I do understand."

"So now what happens," he asked? "I can't promise you to set aside this need. I've promised myself too many times and failed."

The sun had almost set; its reflection streaked silver across the bay. Blue-orchid shadows softened the room.

"Well, I'll tell you what is going to happen." She spoke softly, placing her hands behind his neck and pulling him toward her. "I want you...all of you. And I'll be damned if some silly hot-pink girdle with black lace is going to get in my way. So get it and anything else that you think you might need, because you are going to make love to me, right here, right now!"

"Maybe next time we'll try the girdle. Right now I want nothing between us except the energy we generate," he responded, wrapping her deeply in his arms.

The blue-orchid shadows enfolded them in privacy.

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Isaac Asimov, the prolific science fiction writer, and Randall garrett, another science fiction scribe, wrote a clone song for the first anniversary party of Omni magazine in October 1979. It was set to the tune of "Home On The Range," and it goes like this:

Oh, give me a clone, of my own flesh and bone,
With the Y chromasome changed to X.
And when it has grown, then my own little clone
Will be of the opposite sex.

Clone, Clone of my own, with its Y chromasome changed to X
And when I'm alone with my own little clone,
We will both think of nothing but sex.

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SEXOLOGY CONFERENCE
by Rupert Raj, Dir. MMRF

The combined 1984 annual meeting of the 'Society for the Scientific Study of Sex' and the 'American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists' took place in Boston, Mass. from June 6-10.

This year's theme was: "For Today and Tomorrow: Personal and Professional Growth In The Sexual Sciences".

A number of papers, symposia, workshops and seminars were presented, dealing with various aspects of sex and gender, including the following: "A Discussion of Transvestism and Transsexualism for Counseling and Research" (Leah C. Schaefer, Ed.D.)"

"Why the Relationship Between Boyhood Femininity and Adult Homosexuality?" (Richard Green, M.D., William Simon, Ph.D., Joseph Harry, Ph.D.)

"Gender Issues in the 1980's" (Ariadne Kane, M.Ed., David McWhirter, M.D., Virginia Prince, Ph.D.)

"Transsexualism As Flight From The Female Role" (Sharon Satterfield, M.D., re: four female-to-male transsexuals)

"Cross-gender Behaviors and the Helping Professions" (Ariadne Kane, M.Ed., Neila Miller, M.S.W.)

"Masculinization, Defeminization, and the Brain: The Psycho/Socio/Biological Theory of the Human Gender Transpositions" (Richard Pillard, M.D., James Weinrich, Ph.D., Michael Baum, Ph.D.)

"Comprehensive Research and Treatment in a Gender Dysphoria Program" (Sharon Satterfield, M.D.)

"The Transsexual Experience" (Susan Huxford, B.A., B.Ed., Linda Johnston, Alise Martinez, R.N., B.A., Rupert Raj, B.A., Robin Schwartzentruber) (The turn-out for this panel-discussion, jointly represented by FACT, MMRF, and TS Counseling, was very gratifying: a full-house of over 50 people in attendance.)

FACT, MMRF, and TS Counseling also share a display booth in the Exhibits Room at the conference, together with the Outreach Institute and the Tiffany Club.

Another symposia, of possible interest to our readers, dealt with pediatric sexology (the study of psycho-sexual differentiation and function in infants, children and adults with various medical conditions) and included the following papers:

"Androgen vs Gonadotropin Replacement in Hypopituitary Men" (Richard Clopper, Ph.D.)

"Turner Syndrome: Psychosexual Development in Adolescence and Adulthood" (Anke Ehrhardt, Ph.D.)

"Precocious Puberty" (Heino Meyer-bahlburg, Dr., rer. nat.)

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We hope that our presentation in this year's conference will be the first such of many more to come and that this might be a milestone in the on-going work of building a network of health care/social service professionals and transsexual/-transvestite/transgenderist professionals and peer counselors working together for the benefit of all.

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